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Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - Nov. 17, 2023



This week, with the holiday season quickly approaching, I released my 2023 Holiday Consumer Protection Guide.

This time of year, many consumers are looking for big shopping deals to buy the perfect holiday gifts, such as on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. However, scammers may try to exploit this hustle and bustle to steal your joy and money.

Our Holiday Consumer Protection Guide provides information about avoiding scams when buying gifts in-person, as well as:

- Tips about secure online shopping practices, protecting personal information and dealing with disputes;
- How to avoid gift card scams, including the need to inspect gift cards for tampering before making a purchase;
- Advice for avoiding charity fraud, such as verifying the legitimacy of charities to ensure donations are going to the intended causes; and

- A list of recently recalled products from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to keep families safe from potentially hazardous items.

Check out our guide at [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com) before you start your holiday shopping.

By looking out for scams, we can make this holiday season safer and more enjoyable for all.

Happy Holidays, Florida!

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In The News

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State AGs urge Speaker Johnson to expedite bill giving states power to tackle illegal immigration, FOX News

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Florida Home Depot Theft Ringleader Gets 8 Years, Over \$500K In Restitution, Tampa Free Press

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Florida Dentist, Husband Charged With Medicaid Fraud, News Radio WJNO

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Protecting Floridians

AG Moody Leads Multistate Coalition Demanding Congress Grant State Officials Power to Perform Immigration Functions



The Southwest border continues to see record-breaking numbers of inadmissible immigrants flooding in—more than 7 million illegal immigrants have walked freely into the country since Biden took office—including more than 280 individuals encountered on the terrorist watchlist since fiscal year 2021.

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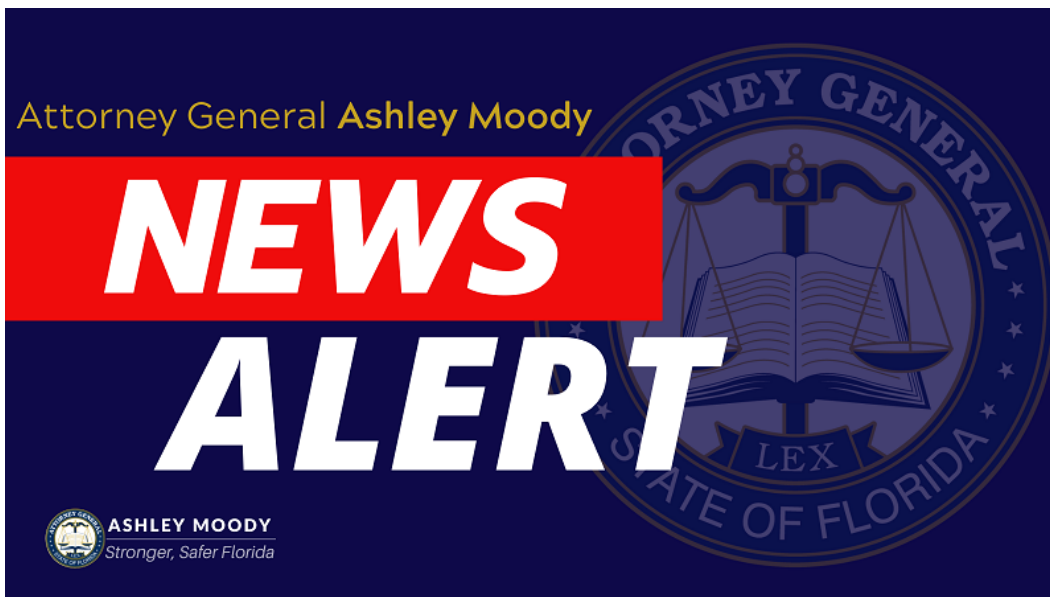
VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Releases New Scams at a Glance: Power-Off Fraud on Utility Scam Awareness Day



This new edition to the Scams at a Glance series will help educate Floridians about warning signs and red flags to watch out for when setting up, paying and managing utilities.

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AG Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution Secures Eight-Year Sentence And \$500,000 Restitution Order for ORT Ringleader

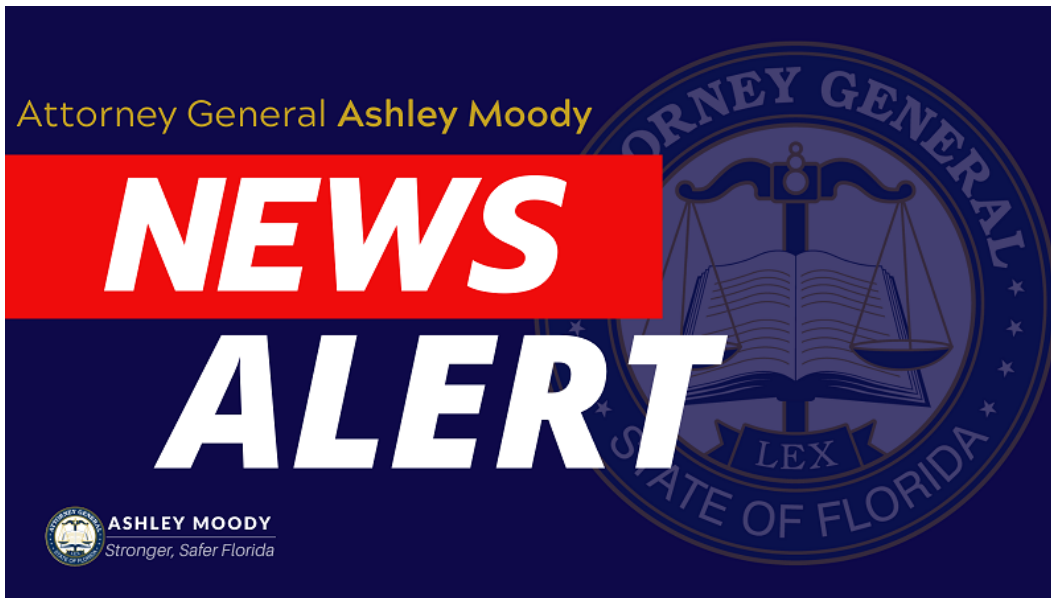


Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured an eight-

year prison sentence and restitution order for the leader of an organized retail theft ring.

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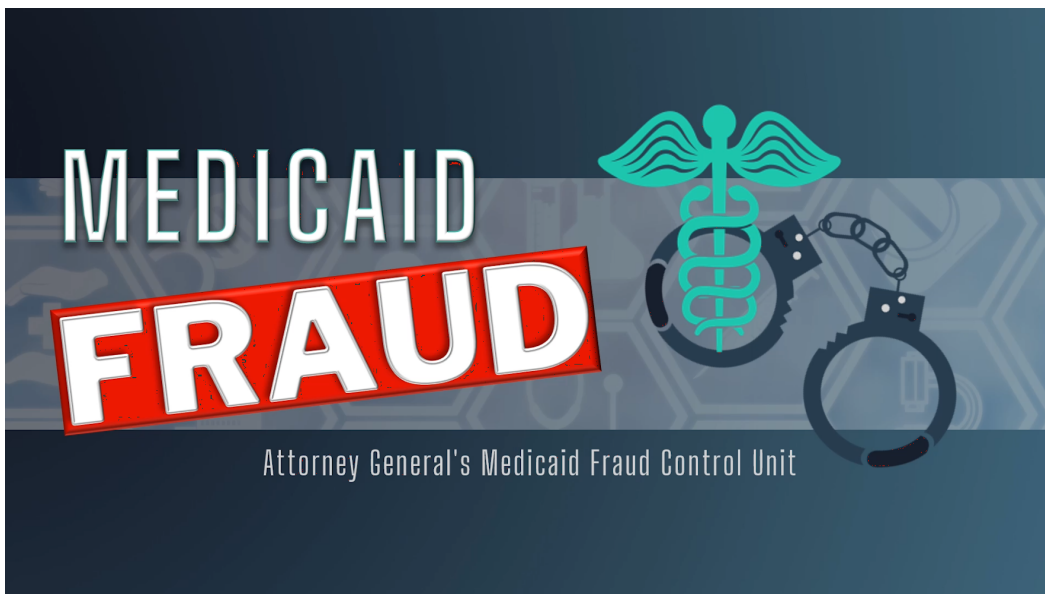
Attorney General Moody Recovers \$6.5 Million From Morgan Stanley Over Two Data-Security Incidents



The action comes after an investigation found that Morgan Stanley compromised the personal information of its customers due to negligent internal data-security practices.

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AG Moody Announces Arrest of Service Provider for Disabled Patients for Medicaid Fraud



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is announcing the arrest of the owner of a home and community-based services company for Medicaid provider fraud.

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Attorney General Moody Recognizes 2022 Florida Women's Hall of Fame Inductees



Attorney General Ashley Moody is recognizing the 2022 Florida Women's Hall of Fame inductees.

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Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody presided over the 2023 Florida Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Tallahassee. Attorney General Moody inducted Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, Lilly Pulitzer and Aubrey Schiebler into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. To learn more, click [here](#).



Attorney General Moody serving as Grand Marshall for the 2023 Florida Governor's Cup race.

