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## Attorney General Ashley Moody News Release

**VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Announces Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd as 2024 Human Trafficking Summit Keynote Speaker**



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced that Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd will be the keynote speaker for the 2024 Human Trafficking Summit. Sheriff Judd has served as Polk County’s sheriff for nearly 20 years, leading several successful sting operations to take down human trafficking rings and rescue victims. In the span of just one year, Sheriff Judd’s operations led to the rescue of 58 human trafficking victims.

**Attorney General Ashley Moody** said, “I am honored to announce my friend Sheriff Grady Judd as this year’s Human Trafficking Summit keynote speaker. Sheriff Judd is known far and wide for his tough stance on crime, and he is a committed partner in our fight to end human trafficking. I’m excited for summit attendees to hear from one of the greatest law enforcement leaders in the nation.”

**Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd** said, “I’m excited to be a part of Florida’s 2024 Human Trafficking Summit. This summit is an opportunity to learn more about the great work being done to reduce and prevent victimization and to hold traffickers accountable. Learn from the experts. There are successful programs operating in Florida that everyone—citizens, law enforcement, prosecutors and human services professionals—can learn from and implement best practices in

their own area of responsibility. This summit is an important part of keeping Florida as a zero-tolerance state for human trafficking.”

Sheriff Judd is a committed partner in the fight to end human trafficking. In March, Sheriff Judd carried out [Operation March Sadness 2024](#). The eight-day, multi-agency undercover human trafficking investigation in Polk County led to the arrest of 228 people and identified 13 victims.

In 2023, Sheriff Judd participated in a roundtable discussion with Attorney General Moody and other Florida leaders about the fight against human trafficking.

The 2024 Human Trafficking Summit launches Tuesday, Oct. 1, and aims to bring together key stakeholders, law enforcement agencies, survivors, victim-service providers and advocates to collaborate, learn and strengthen efforts to combat this heinous crime.

To learn more and reserve a spot for the event, visit [HumanTraffickingSummit.com](https://HumanTraffickingSummit.com).

Anyone can help stop human trafficking and save victims. Visit [YouCanStopHT.com](https://YouCanStopHT.com) to learn how to get involved.

To report a potential case of human trafficking, immediately contact law enforcement at 1(855) FLA-SAFE.

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