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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Oct. 2, 2020



As Florida's Attorney General, I am always looking for ways to improve how the public can work with law enforcement to fight crime and protect our communities. Crime Stoppers is a shining example of how we can all work together toward this vital goal.

Crime Stoppers is a proven program with a decades-long track record of helping law enforcement catch dangerous criminals and protect vulnerable communities. This week, I announced a partnership with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers to announce a new statewide number, **TIPS, to anonymously report crime tips and enhance the way the decades-old program receives information. This streamlined, statewide tool is a first of its kind in the nation.

FACS was established in 1977 as an anonymous citizens crime reporting system. Over the past four decades, the program has proved to be a vital asset in assisting law enforcement with catching dangerous criminals and protecting communities. In the past 12 months alone, FACS has recorded the following stats:

- More than 59,000 citizen tips to members of FACS;
- Tips led to more than 2,700 arrests; and
- FACS paid more than \$987,000 for anonymous tips leading to arrests.

Now, anyone can report a tip about a crime from anywhere in the state anonymously by simply dialing **TIPS. Adding this easy to remember cellphone code to the existing regional Crime Stopper Organizations' individual phone numbers will present Floridians greater opportunities to

report on crimes statewide—no matter their location.

With these advances to this already successful program, we hope even more citizens will help law enforcement solve cases, stop crime and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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