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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Jan. 18, 2019



As Florida's Attorney General, I am committed to working with our law enforcement partners to stop human trafficking and rescue survivors. This week, I joined St. Petersburg Police Chief Anthony Holloway to announce the arrest of seven individuals on human trafficking charges involving a Florida teenager. The victim in this case was lured away from his family with promises of a better life. Instead, he was moved into a filthy trailer and used as a sex slave for nearly a year.

Thanks to the great collaborative work between law enforcement and our Office of Statewide Prosecution, the teenage victim in this case has been rescued and is receiving specialized trauma-informed care designed for victims of human trafficking at a Florida safe house.

As a mother, I am extremely disturbed by the facts of this case, and I pledge to work daily with our prosecutors and great law enforcement partners to end this abhorrent crime. Serving as Chair of Florida's Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, I will bring together all of our partners in an effort to spot trends, stay one step ahead of traffickers and identify resources to help survivors thrive.

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, and in closing, I pledge that I will fight tirelessly to stop these evil acts that take away people's basic human rights—and do everything in my power to see that anyone caught engaging in human trafficking is brought to justice.



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