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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - June 14, 2019



This week, we hosted our first ever Senior Scam Stopper Workshop and Awards. It was inspiring to see so many Floridians dedicated to our mission to protect Floridians.

Teaching seniors how to spot scams and report fraud is an extremely effective tool to prevent exploitation. A vital partner in this mission is our Seniors vs. Crime project, and the lifeblood of this program is our Senior Sleuths.

Senior Sleuths are program volunteers who help victims file consumer complaints and follow up on those reports. They stand in the gap, between the victim and anyone trying to take advantage of them, in an effort to recover lost funds, receive a refund or ensure a just outcome.

In 2018 alone, our Seniors vs. Crime Senior Sleuths worked more than 2,000 cases of reported fraud. Their efforts resulted in more than \$1.1 million in recoveries. Factor in the additional value of the realized gains they helped secure—such as a contractor returning to finish promised work or credits applied to a future purchase—the figure climbs to more than two million dollars.

During the event, I recognized outstanding volunteers from regions across the state. These Super Senior Sleuths received awards for their commitment to stopping fraud. From these five Super Senior Sleuths, we selected our Advocate of the Year.

Our winner this year is Bryan Lifsey who volunteers out of The Villages office. He began volunteering with Seniors vs. Crime in 2006, and now manages a regional office. For more about Lifsey, click [here](#).



Our additional Super Senior Sleuth winners are:

- [Alan Campbell](#), who volunteers at the Seniors vs. Crime North Miami Beach office;
- [Chuck Sheehan](#), who volunteers at the Seniors vs. Crime Fernandina Beach office;
- [Jay Todras](#), who volunteers at the Seniors vs. Crime west Polk County office; and
- [Kim Mitchell](#), who volunteers at the Seniors vs. Crime Tallahassee office.

I am extremely honored to recognize these great volunteers who are so vital to our efforts. If anyone you know would like to volunteer with Seniors vs. Crime, click [here](#).

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