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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Nov. 6, 2020



With the holiday season fast-approaching, I want Florida consumers to start off the holiday season on the right foot and make sure they know what to look for to protect themselves from anyone who might try to swindle, steal or scam. So, we are adding to our Scams at a Glance program with a 'Tis the Season edition.

Our Scams at a Glance program aims to provide resources for Floridians to help protect themselves against emerging scams and fraud. The *Scams at a Glance: 'Tis the Season* is now available for Floridians to learn about common scams typical of holiday-season shopping and giving.

As we near the end of 2020, Floridians may be more excited for the holidays than ever before. I want a grinch-free holiday season for all as we start to close out this whirlwind of a year. It is my hope that Floridians will look at the tips in *Scams at a Glance: 'Tis the Season*, help spread the word and have a safe and prosperous holiday season with their loved ones.

Savvy consumers can stop fraud in its tracks, but they must know what to look for. There are several helpful tips to avoid holiday-related scams in our latest brochure.

To view the *Scams at a Glance: 'Tis the Season* brochure in English, click [here](#). To view the *Scams at a Glance: 'Tis the Season* Spanish version, click [here](#).

To access the Scams at a Glance webpage for more content related to common scams, click [here](#). Floridians can always report fraud or file a complaint to my office by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com or calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.



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Deceived by Business

Attorney General

Ashley Moody's Consumer Protection Division has secured close to \$3 million following a trial against The Surrogacy Group, LLC and its owner, Gregory Blosser, for misconduct relating to providing administrative services to couples seeking to have a baby through surrogacy. The court found TSG and Blosser liable for more than \$2 million in consumer restitution and \$720,000 in civil penalties for unfair and deceptive business conduct.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is despicable and heartbreaking that someone would take advantage of families hoping for a baby and personally pocket funds intended to cover pregnant surrogates' medical expenses. This misconduct is unacceptable, and I am proud of my office for pursuing justice for these families who have been scammed during their most vulnerable times." [Read More](#)

Events

Our Highway Heroes campaign is off to a great start! In the first four days of the campaign, more than 1,700 Florida truckers have joined our fight to end human trafficking by becoming Certified Truckers Against Trafficking. There is still room for more! Please join us in this fight.

