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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Jan. 29, 2021



This week, we recognized 2021 Data Privacy Day, a good time to review online security and take steps to better protect your data. Hackers and scammers want to take advantage of the fact that COVID-19 has forced millions of people to work remotely, often from less secure wireless connections. That is why it is so important to Own Your Privacy, which is the theme of this year's Data Privacy Day. To help you live up to this theme, I am offering tips to help you take charge and protect sensitive information. Protect your privacy online by:

- Creating strong passwords that use a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and special characters;
- Using strong security questions with answers that cannot be easily guessed or found online;
- Enabling multifactor authentication whenever possible; and
- Never providing financial or account information in response to an unsolicited email, phone call, text or social media message.

For more information on how to better protect your data and privacy online, and to view the Consumer Alert on guarding sensitive information, click [here](#). Check out our Scams at a Glance: Identity Theft brochure, by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com/ScamsataGlance.

By taking proper precautions and keeping your sensitive information secure, we can stop hackers and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

In The News

Ashley Moody Offers Tips to Floridians on Data Privacy Day, Florida Daily

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Ashley Moody joins Uber in human trafficking prevention campaign ahead of Super Bowl LV, Florida Politics

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Law enforcement warns Super Bowl fans of increased scams, human trafficking, Fox 13 Tampa Bay

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Ashley Moody Working With Uber on Human Trafficking Prevention Education Before Super Bowl LV, Florida Daily

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Local organizations raise awareness about human trafficking ahead of Super Bowl, WFTS Action News

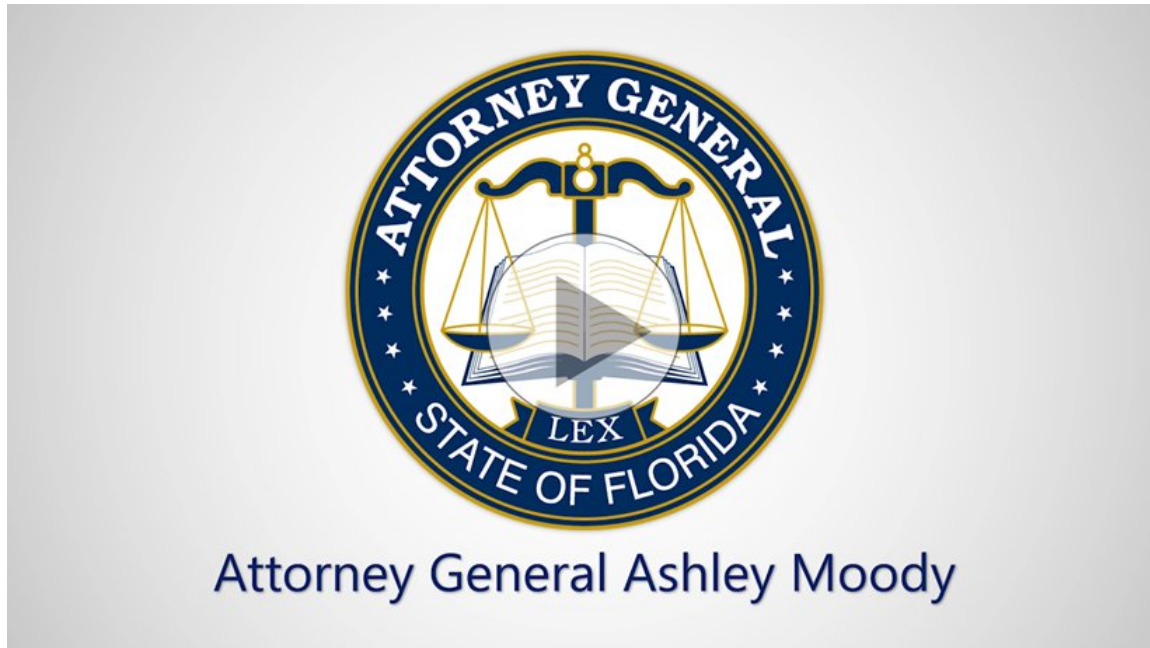
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Attorney General Ashley Moody talks to ABC7 about preventing human trafficking during Super Bowl LV, ABC7 WWSB

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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody and Uber Launch Virtual Human Trafficking Prevention Education Ahead of 2021 Super Bowl



Attorney General Ashley Moody is working with Uber to provide Human Trafficking Prevention Education to drivers ahead of Super Bowl LV in Tampa. With the game less than two weeks away, Attorney General Moody and Uber have launched a virtual education video to educate thousands of drivers and customers on how to better understand the crime of human trafficking, how it presents in our communities and what to do when they suspect someone is being trafficked. This is the second year the Attorney General's Office has joined with Uber to educate drivers to help spot and report incidences of human trafficking in the days leading up to the championship game.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Hosting the Super Bowl in Florida for the second year in a row is a huge win for our state's economy and tourism, but as we learned from Super Bowl LIV, traffickers will look to exploit this event to advance illegal enterprises at the expense of innocent victims. On top of encouraging all Floridians and those traveling to our state to learn the signs of human trafficking, I am proud to work with Uber for the second year in a row to virtually educate thousands of drivers and customers with human trafficking prevention material.

When given the proper tools and education, these everyday heroes can help save lives.”

Assisted Living Facility Supervisor Arrested for Neglect of a 98-Year-Old Wheelchair-Bound Resident



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office arrested a former assisted living facility resident aide shift supervisor for neglect of a resident. Pamela Grice, employed by Magnolia House to provide assistance to residents of the senior living facility, failed to report the fall of a 98-year-old, wheelchair-bound dementia resident, resulting in excruciating injuries. [Read More](#)

Attorney General Moody Honors Florida Women's Hall of Fame Inductees in Virtual Ceremony



2020 Florida Women's Hall of Fame Inductees

Attorney General Ashley Moody joined the Florida Commission on the Status of Women in honoring the newest inductees to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. The Commission inducted Alice Scott Abbott, Alma Lee Loy and E. Thelma Waters during a virtual ceremony for significant contributions to the citizens of Florida.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I am honored to recognize the efforts of three amazing inductees to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. Alice Scott Abbott, Alma Lee Loy, and E. Thelma Waters each played an extraordinary role in our state's history. They are pioneers that paved the way for the many women who will follow in their footsteps. I look forward to seeing the impact their work will continue to have on our state, making it a better place for the people who call Florida home." [Read More](#)

Attorney General Ashley Moody

NEWS ALERT



The Office of

Financial Regulation announced the arrests of Nelson Armondo Garcia and David Aubel (aka David Kost) on charges related to their alleged involvement in a \$2.4 million fraudulent investment scheme that victimized at least 12 Florida investors. Garcia, who was arrested on Dec. 17, 2020, was extradited from North Carolina to Broward County to face charges of engaging in a securities fraud conspiracy and unlicensed telemarketing. Aubel, who was arrested on Dec. 15, 2020, was extradited from federal prison in North Carolina where he had been serving a more than seven-year sentence for an unrelated securities fraud scheme. Aubel is currently charged with securities fraud (conspiracy), unlicensed telemarketing, three counts of money laundering and engaging in an organized scheme to defraud.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “These fraudsters hid their dirty deeds behind a shady investment company they named Angel Investment Partners, but there was nothing angelic about their macabre scheme. Showing blatant disregard for the Floridians they targeted, the defendants deliberately and systematically bilked millions of dollars from their victims with the false promise of returns on their investments. I look forward to prosecuting these fraudsters and remain grateful for the work of OFR investigators that led to the takedown of this shame investment scheme.” [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody spoke to sheriffs from across the state at the Florida Sheriffs Association Winter Conference.



Attorney General Moody swearing in the 2021 Officers of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women through a virtual ceremony.



Pictured from top left-hand corner to right: Commissioner Rosie Paulsen, Commissioner Rachel Saunders Plakon, Commissioner Sophia Eccleston, Commissioner Rita Barreto, Commissioner Lori Day, Commissioner Karin Hoffman and Attorney General Ashley Moody. Not pictured: Commissioner Marilyn Stout Large.