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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 12, 2021



This week, we were heartbroken to learn of the passing of another law enforcement hero, Tampa Police Department Officer Jesse Madsen. Already this year, Florida has lost eight brave law enforcement officers, compared to two during the same time period last year, and I am urging Floridians to show support for those behind the badge who serve and protect their communities.

Officer Madsen passed in the overnight hours of Monday, when his patrol car was hit by a driver headed the [wrong way on the interstate](#). Officer Madsen will be remembered throughout the Tampa Bay community for his life-saving work and for receiving the Tampa Police Department's Life-Saving Award seven times. It is reported that Officer Madsen veered into the wrong-way driver's vehicle to protect others—his final act on Earth likely saving the lives of many of his fellow Floridians.

As the wife of a law enforcement officer, I am heartbroken for Officer Madsen's family, and for each member of law enforcement that we have lost this year already. I have attended far too many law enforcement funerals and watched too many of our law enforcement family mourn the loss of a member of our crime-fighting family.

I am calling on all Floridians to show support for the brave men and women in this profession. We must do better. Our courageous officers have stood for us and served their communities through this deadly pandemic and civil unrest—never faltering in their resolve to uphold the oath they took to protect the communities they love. Let's come together to uplift these heroes and show them our unwavering support.

By backing our law enforcement heroes who work every day to protect us, we will build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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Ashley Moody presented a resolution to the Governor and Florida Cabinet recognizing March as Women’s History Month in Florida. Women’s History Month is designated as a time to recognize, raise awareness of and celebrate the accomplishments and importance of women in Florida and United States’ history.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “I am honored to present this important resolution recognizing March as Women’s History Month in Florida. It is a time to honor all the trailblazing women who have come before us and forged new paths so that we could be anything and do anything that we put our minds to. It is especially significant to me, now more than 100 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote, that we are seeing more and more women in elected positions, not only here in our state legislature but in Congress and our federal judiciary as well.

“The success of women like Susan B. Anthony, Mary McLeod Bethune, Amelia Earhart, Amy Coney Barrett and Katherine Johnson should serve as an example of the power of hard work, determination and perseverance. I am grateful for the generations of women who have tread the uncharted waters that we now swim, and for their lasting legacies that have afforded us the amazing opportunities we enjoy today.” [Read More](#)

Attorney General Moody Takes Action Against Nationwide Debt Collection Agency over Massive Data Breach

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Attorney General Ashley Moody took action against Retrieval-Masters Creditors Bureau d/b/a American Medical Collection Agency resolving a multistate investigation into the 2019 data breach that exposed the personal information of more than 7 million customers, including 1.25 million Florida residents. The data breach potentially exposed the personal information of an additional 21 million non-customers throughout the United States. Attorney General Moody is

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said, “This data

breach exposed the personal information of more than one million Floridians—jeopardizing their identity, finances and online security. I’m proud to work with my counterparts in other state to strengthen this agency’s security measures to help ensure any future personal information collected remains private.” [Read More](#)

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FDLE agents

arrested four South Florida men, including a father and son, charging them with racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering, organized scheme to defraud and multiple counts of extortion.

Agents say Bruce Leonard Chait, Shawn David Chait and their co-conspirators, Harris Shapiro, John Colonel and others harassed, threatened and extorted the victim over property acquired after the Chaits defaulted on a loan over a decade ago. The victim's business has since developed the land for residential housing.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody says, "These defendants, some of whom are convicted felons, attempted to extort millions from a Florida developer—continuously harassing and threatening him into paying. Now, as a result of skillful investigative work by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and my Statewide Prosecutors, their scheme is exposed and they will face justice." [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody joined Governor Ron DeSantis, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried for a Florida Cabinet Meeting. To view the full meeting, click [here](#).



Attorney General Moody presenting a resolution recognizing March as National Women's History Month to Florida Commission of the Status of Women Chair Karin Hoffman and Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka at the Florida Cabinet Meeting.



From left to right: FCSW Chair Karin Hoffman, Attorney General Moody and Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka

Attorney General Moody recognized International Women's Day on Monday with a video message on social media. To view message, click [here](#).



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