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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 12, 2022



As Florida kicks off another school year, we are warning parents about some of the dangers students may face online. We released *Back to School: Digital Dangers*—a free resource full of information about threats children may encounter online before, during or after school.

As parents, we strive to set our children up for success. That means making sure they have the supplies they need to succeed in the classroom, and support at home. But a lot has changed since we were in school.

New challenges have emerged in the tech age—including digital drug dealers selling deadly fentanyl over social media, human traffickers who attempt to lure children online, and even texting while driving, jeopardizing road safety.

Back to School: Digital Dangers is designed to help parents talk to their children about these challenges. Through this resource you can learn more about:

- Fentanyl and its growing presence in the nation’s illicit drug supply;
- Human traffickers lurking on social media to prey on children; and
- The dangers posed by texting while driving.



Parents can use the information in this resource to educate children about using technology in a responsible manner. To download *Back to School Digital Dangers*, click [here](#).

By keeping communication lines open with your child, you can equip them for success this school year and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody and Melbourne Police Department Dismantle Organized Retail Theft Ring Committing Crimes in 14 Florida Counties



Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Melbourne Police Department are announcing the dismantling of an organized retail theft ring that targeted stores in 14 counties. According to the investigation, Marshawn Gordon and John McClure, III wore masks and raided stores, stealing nearly \$30,000 worth of merchandise. Stores targeted include: Academy Sports, Bass Pro Shops, BJ's Wholesale, Dick's Sporting Goods, Target and Walmart. A third conspirator, Vishram Baijnauth, knowingly purchased the stolen items from Gordon and McClure at unreasonably low prices to resell online. Law enforcement arrested the criminal trio and Attorney General Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution will handle the cases.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This trio targeted stores in 14 counties across our state—stealing thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise while trying to evade capture. Their shoplifting has ended, and my Statewide Prosecutors will make sure they pay for their crime spree." [Read More](#)

Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Effort Against Unlawful Mask Mandate

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General Ashley Moody is leading a 23-state coalition in filing a brief in support of the plaintiff in *Health Freedom Defense Fund Inc. vs. Joseph R. Biden, Jr.*, President of the United States. Attorney General Moody argues that the district court correctly vacated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s interstate travel mask mandate in this case. President Joe Biden’s CDC order exceeds its authority and infringes on each state’s ability to enact its own public health rules.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The American people and our courts have rejected the federal government’s unlawful mask mandate for air travel. It’s astonishing that Biden continues to fight to force passengers to wear masks on airplanes. We are once again pushing back, in court, against his unlawful federal overreach.” [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody spoke during the Florida Police Chiefs Association's 70th Annual Summer Training Conference and Exposition in Palm Beach Gardens.



Attorney General Moody with FPCA President and Daytona Beach Shore Public Safety Director Stephan Dembinsky.

