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## **Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Feb. 25, 2022**



As Attorney General, I am constantly looking for ways to innovate and improve how we fight and prevent crime. Since taking office, we have launched several initiatives to engage the community in helping law enforcement reduce crime across Florida. I am proud to announce that this week, one of those initiatives was adopted nationwide.

In October 2020, I launched \*\*TIPS to bring uniformity and ease to anonymous crime reporting in Florida. This crime-fighting tool allows anyone to report a crime from anywhere in the state by dialing \*\*TIPS (8477) on a cellphone.

The number connects tipsters to the closest Crime Stoppers in the region and allows callers to remain anonymous. Additionally, tipsters may be eligible for a reward if the information provided leads to an arrest.

Now, Crime Stoppers USA is taking our Florida program nationwide, and Americans from coast to coast can participate. That means, no matter if you're in Miami, Florida, or Miami, Oklahoma, you can dial this easy-to-remember number and provide tips to law enforcement.

This is just another example of how our state is leading, and how citizens can help us fight crime and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



## **In The News**

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**Attorney General Moody Leads States in Demanding the Resignation of DHS Secretary Mayorkas**



Attorney General Ashley Moody is demanding the immediate resignation of U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas—leading 13 other states in an effort to replace the DHS leader. Citing the continued failure to enforce federal law, Attorney General Moody and the multistate coalition of attorneys general are demanding Secretary Mayorkas leave office as his failed leadership is resulting in a disaster at the southwest border and puts the nation on the verge of a national security crisis.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Secretary Mayorkas has failed to deliver on the core function of the agency he runs: ‘to secure the nation from the many threats we face.’ Through his refusal to enforce federal laws, including deporting criminals and maintaining order at the border, he has put America and our respective states on the verge of a national security crisis. The only individuals who are more secure because of our DHS secretary are the drug cartels and human smugglers. Secretary Mayorkas should admit his failure to achieve the basic mission of this agency and resign immediately.” [Read More](#)

**Attorney General Moody Urges FTC to Create Robust Rule Outlawing Impersonation Scams**

Attorney General Ashley Moody

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General Ashley Moody is leading a multistate effort calling on the Federal Trade Commission to adopt a national rule to target impersonation scams. Along with 48 other Attorneys General, Attorney General Moody is raising concerns about the plethora of impersonation scams targeting consumers and the current lack of a national rule to outlaw these fraudulent acts.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Though the methods may vary, imposter scams cause financial harm to consumers, drain resources from regulators tasked with protecting the public and may cause loss of trust in government services. We need more clarity at the national level to assist states in stopping imposter scams and that is why I am urging the FTC to take swift action and adopt a national rule to better equip states to stop imposter scams." [Read More](#)

**Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Nursing Home Employee for Exploiting a Disabled Senior**



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, arrested a former employee from a skilled rehabilitation center for exploiting a disabled senior. According to the investigation, Kari Faye Luper obtained the credit card of a vulnerable adult under her care and used the funds for personal benefit.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Taking advantage of a vulnerable adult, especially someone who is entrusted to one's care to fund a shopping spree, is reprehensible. Our seniors deserve the utmost care and should not have to worry about their caretakers exploiting them. Thanks to my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, this defendant will be held accountable." [Read More](#)

**Attorney General Moody Announces Arrest of Certified Nursing Assistant for Defrauding Florida Medicaid Program**



Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, with the assistance of the Hollywood Police Department, arrested Leita Tanis Apollon, a Medicaid provider. Apollon worked as a certified nursing assistant and defrauded the Florida Medicaid program out of more than \$38,000 by submitting fraudulent claims.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “My Medicaid Fraud Control Unit stopped this fraudulent scheme designed to steal tens of thousands of dollars from Florida’s Medicaid program, and now the defendant will have to answer for her crimes.”

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## Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody announced the expansion of Crime Stoppers USA adopting Florida's statewide crime reporting tip line \*\*TIPS for national use at a news conference at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in Sanford.



To view some of the news coverage from the announcement, click [here](#).

