Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 18, 2022



For years, we have been warning about the dangers of fentanyl and how just one pill laced with this synthetic opioid can kill. Now, a new synthetic opioid has been found in Florida that is even deadlier. This week, we issued a dire warning about this emerging threat—Isotonitazene.

The drug, more commonly referred to as ISO, is so strong that it can kill just by coming in contact with someone's skin or being accidentally inhaled. ISO is reportedly 20 to 100 times stronger than fentanyl.

Testing by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Crime Lab revealed that ISO has been found in multiple Florida counties and law enforcement now links this deadly-synthetic opioid to two deaths in Pasco County.

Users purchasing illicit drugs, such as cocaine, methamphetamine or counterfeit pills, may have no idea that the illegal products contain deadly amounts of synthetic opioids like ISO or fentanyl. So please, never take any illicit drug and know that using just one time could cost you your life.

For more resources, and to learn how to spot someone who may be abusing opioids,

please visit <u>DoseOfRealityFL.com</u>. Our statewide, comprehensive resource contains information about the dangers of opioid misuse, where to find help for dealing with substance abuse and how to safely dispose of unused or unwanted prescription drugs.

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ONE PILL CAN KILL: AG Moody Issues Dire Warning Following Fentanyl Overdoses of West Point Cadets on Spring Break in Florida



Just days after Attorney General Ashley Moody issued a warning to spring breakers about the dangers of drug use, several students on spring break in Florida—including West Point cadets—overdosed after reportedly using cocaine laced with fentanyl. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid more potent than heroin. Just two milligrams of the substance can kill an adult. As the spring break season continues in Florida, Attorney General Moody is pleading with students to avoid illicit drugs and never mix any drugs or medication with alcohol.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Fentanyl is a deadly synthetic opioid 50 times more potent than heroin. It is being mixed with cocaine, methamphetamine and even pressed into pill form before being sold to unsuspecting users. Last week, I warned spring breakers about the dangers of using illicit drugs. Just two days later, six spring breakers were rushed to the hospital after reportedly coming into contact with cocaine mixed with fentanyl. Two milligrams of fentanyl is enough to kill a full-grown adult, so please, never use illicit drugs because just one pill can kill." Read More

CONSUMER ALERT: Attorney General Moody Warns of Charity Scams Exploiting Heroics of Injured FHP Trooper



Attorney General Ashley Moody today issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about charity scams attempting to exploit the heroic actions of Florida Highway Patrol Master Trooper Toni Schuck. On March 6, a drunk driver sped 70 mph on a direct path toward runners in a 10K race in St. Petersburg. Trooper Schuck risked her life by driving a patrol vehicle in front of the speeding drunk driver to protect the runners and is now recovering from the collision. Two fake GoFundMe campaigns purporting to raise money for the injured officer have been removed, and FHP announced there are no authorized online fundraisers connected to the incident.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Trooper Schuck is a hero, and I am appalled that anyone would try to exploit her heroics to rip off generous donors. My office immediately reached out to GoFundMe following reports that there were fake accounts on the platform purporting to raise money for the injured Trooper. Thankfully, the accounts have already been removed. Please do your research before giving, and if you see suspicious fundraising activities claiming proceeds will be donated to Trooper Schuck, contact my office immediately."

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Attorney General Moody Releases 2022 Open Government Manual During Sunshine Week



In recognition of

National Sunshine Week, Attorney General Ashley Moody is releasing the 2022 Government-in-the-Sunshine Manual. The manual is available to download for free on the Florida Attorney General's website. The Office of the Attorney General writes and publishes the manual online. For decades, the manual has assisted citizens, journalists and government agencies navigate Florida's open government laws and access public records.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "In recognition of National Sunshine Week, I am proud to release Florida's 2022 Government-in-the-Sunshine Manual on our website free of charge. Our office works hard every year to produce and publish this important guide that helps citizens navigate Florida's public records laws and access government meetings." Read More