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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Sep. 2, 2022



This week, I helped launch a new tool to assist people struggling with addiction easily find care providers and facilities that best fit their individual needs. Shatterproof, a nonprofit dedicated to ending the devastation that addiction causes families, developed an innovative search engine called ATLAS.

The ATLAS treatment locator is available statewide and will be supported by funds recovered through our efforts to combat the national opioid crisis—claiming thousands of lives each year.

This new platform helps individuals working to overcome addiction search for and compare licensed facilities throughout Florida based on location, use of best practices, types of treatment offered, accepted insurers, payment options, patient experiences and more. The searchable database contains information about nearly 500 treatment facilities across the state.

ATLAS is available for free. We've linked the treatment-locator tool on DoseOfRealityFL.com.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, seek help immediately. With the rise of fentanyl in the illicit drug supply fueling deaths nationwide—using just once could be lethal. The time to begin down the road to recovery is now. Do it, before it is too late.

Stay safe, Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial letter.

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Protecting Floridians

Attorney General Moody Secures 30-Year Prison Sentence for Fraudulent Pool Contractor



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a 30-year prison sentence for a Florida man on multiple felony charges for operating a multimillion-dollar pool contracting scheme. Amore Pools Inc. owner, Brian Washburn, defrauded Florida homeowners by taking upfront payments and deposits often leaving dangerous debris piles and gaping holes in victims' backyards.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "This fraudster will spend decades in prison for stealing millions of dollars from Floridians who made huge down payments to have pools built on their properties. He took their money, dug massive holes in their yards, then ran from his contractual obligations to complete the work, but he didn't get far before the law caught up with him. Now, thanks to my Statewide Prosecutors, he will spend a long time behind bars thinking about his terrible crimes." [Read More](#)

Attorney General Moody and FTC Take Action to Stop Rental-Listing Platform From Duping Consumers

Attorney General Ashley Moody

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General Ashley Moody, along with the Federal Trade Commission and five other states, is taking legal action to stop a rental listing platform that allegedly misled consumers. Roomster Corp. and its owners, John Shriber and Roman Zaks, allegedly paid for fake positive reviews to lure in consumers looking for affordable housing and then charged for access to phony listings. The alleged deceptive practices took tens of millions of dollars from largely low-income consumer renters.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The complaint filed alleges these defendants deceived consumers looking for affordable housing options by filling the internet with fake reviews and other misrepresentations. The alleged deceptive acts siphoned tens of millions of dollars from mostly lower-income people seeking a rental property. I'm proud to take action with the FTC and other states to hold Roomster accountable for their wrongdoing." [Read More](#)

Florida Couple Arrested for Stealing Thousands From a Florida Senior



Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Walton County Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of two criminals for stealing money and the personal identification of a Florida senior. The two criminals used the victim's debit card to spend more than \$8,000, purchasing an inflatable swimming pool, gourmet barbeque and other frivolous items.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Our investigators exposed a criminal duo who stole thousands of dollars from a 70-year-old Floridian—thinking no one would notice after the senior moved into a nursing home. Huge mistake. My investigators worked diligently to gather evidence of their crimes, and now this criminal couple will face justice for exploiting a Florida senior." [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody joined Gov. Ron DeSantis, along with state and local leaders, in Polk County to announce a lawsuit against the Food and Drug Administration. The lawsuit claims the FDA is unlawfully delaying the state's medication-importation program application that would lower Florida prescription drug costs.

