Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - March 8, 2019



Fighting fraud and protecting consumers is one of my top priorities. During National Consumer Protection Week, we announced major steps in combating fraud.



On Monday, we announced Florida's new Senior Protection Team. This intra-agency team is comprised of leading members from our Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

This team of experts is working together and partnering with law enforcement, other state agencies and private advocates to focus on senior abuse, neglect, fraud, service related issues, long-term care, guardianship, law enforcement training and educational outreach.

For more information about the team, click here.

Tuesday, our office took action to shut down a Jacksonville roofing company taking deposits for repairs and then failing to finish the work. Many of the consumers victimized by this deceptive behavior are seniors and Floridians whose property suffered hurricane damage.

Imposter scams are becoming a major source of complaints in Florida and nationwide. On Wednesday, our Consumer Protection Division filed a complaint against two Michigan brothers posing as representatives of government agencies to trick Florida businesses into paying for publicly available services.



For tips about how to spot an imposter scam, click here.

Thursday, we joined the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission and other state attorneys general in a nationwide sweep to stop tech support scams. As part of the sweep, we took action in three separate cases against tech support scams operating in Florida.

These are just a few examples of the strides we take daily to protect consumers. When we fight fraud, we are sending signals to businesses, tourists, families and retirees that Florida is a safe place to invest, visit, raise children and live out your dreams.

Capitalism works best without criminals, and I want to encourage anyone who encounters a scam or suspects fraud to immediately report it to my office by filing a complaint online at MyFloridaLegal.com or by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.



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