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## **Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - April 19, 2024**



This week, I welcomed new Sarasota Police Department officers to the Florida law enforcement family at their swearing-in ceremony. Only in Florida, the most pro-law enforcement state in the nation, can you host a swearing-in ceremony where nearly 70% of the recruits moved from out-of-state.

These new recruits join nearly 5,000 officers who have become part of our law enforcement ranks since July 2022—that includes more than 1,200 officers from out-of-state. Many of these officers come from places where their service isn't fully appreciated.

They may come from places where leaders tried to defund law enforcement, or enacted dangerous, unproven policies that made it harder to do their job. In fact, the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Chamber of Commerce just issued the [Building Stronger Safer Cities](#) report that goes more in depth about some of these

misguided policies—such as decriminalizing drugs or tolerating organized retail theft.

Here in Florida, because of proactive leadership and hardworking law enforcement professionals, we avoided the rampant crime seen in other places. And so many officers from across the nation are making the choice to serve here—because we back the blue.

By supporting law enforcement, we continue building a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

## In The News

**Florida pursues criminal charges against two suspects in retail theft spree, Florida Voice**

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**Two Violent Home Depot Retail Thieves Charged By Florida AG Ashley Moody, Tampa Free Press**

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**Partners in crime accused of violent cross-county Home Depot robberies in Florida, CBS 12 News**

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**Charges filed against alleged crime duo for multiple robberies at Home Depot stores across Florida, ABC Action News**

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**Moody leads 23-state legal effort urging EPA to revise ‘environmental justice’ regulations, Florida Voice**

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**Moody, 22 Attorneys General Combat Biden EPA's Title VI Regulations, The Floridian**

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Attorney General Ashley Moody praises Sarasota Police Department at swearing-in  
ceremony, ABC 7 WWSB

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Sarasota Police Dept. swears in new officers, Fox 13 Tampa Bay

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## Protecting Floridians

### Attorney General Moody Files Criminal Charges Against Violent Retail Thieves



Attorney General Ashley Moody filed criminal charges against two organized retail thieves for multiple robberies at Home Depot stores across five different counties that involved physical violence against store employees.

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### Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Legal Action Demanding the EPA Rescind "Environmental Justice" Initiatives Harming States



Attorney General Ashley Moody led a 23-state coalition in filing a legal action demanding that Biden’s Environmental Protection Agency modify its Title VI regulations—regulations the EPA are using to advance much of its race conscious “environmental justice” initiatives.

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**2024 Human Trafficking Summit Speaker Proposals and Reservations Now Available**



Attorney General Ashley Moody announced that 2024 Human Trafficking Summit reservations and speaker proposals are now available. Anyone interested in serving as a speaker at this year’s event should apply by April 30.

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## Attorney General Moody Takes Multistate Legal Action To Block Radical Green New Deal Emissions Rule



Attorney General Ashley Moody is standing up for Americans who drive gas and diesel-powered trucks and cars against the Biden Administration's electric vehicle mandate.

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## FDLE arrests two for organized scheme to defraud



The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) arrested Orenthanal Bennett, 51, of Tampa, and Victoria Strickler, 48, of Babson Park, for organized scheme to

defraud after uncovering a multi-year deed fraud operation.

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## Events

This week, Attorney General Moody spoke at the Ocala Chamber and Economic Partnership's Exceptional Mornings Breakfast about how Florida is leading the way in public safety and economic prosperity.



Attorney General Moody with new Sarasota Police Department recruits at their swearing-in ceremony—more than half of the new recruits moved from out-of-state to protect and serve in the Sunshine State.

