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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - April 19, 2019



This week, we reached the 100-day mark of our new administration. It has been an exciting, challenging first 100 days, but in this short period of time, our office achieved several major victories and implemented important changes to better protect Floridians.

While campaigning to serve as Florida's Attorney General, I made fighting the opioid crisis a top priority. From my first day in office, I fought for a Statewide Opioid Task Force to establish a formalized structure to meet this crisis head-on. I am proud to now chair the new [Statewide Task Force on Opioid Drug Abuse](#) and look forward to working through this task force to end this crisis.

Fighting fraud and protecting seniors is another major focus of our new administration. To accomplish this mission, we formed [Florida's new Senior Protection Team](#). Our team is comprised of leading experts from the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Criminal Justice Programs Unit, as well as specifically designated FDLE agents from around the state. This team is working together to fight senior fraud and abuse statewide. Expect to hear more from them soon.

Supporting law enforcement and fostering a trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve is another important focus. As the wife of a federal law enforcement officer, I know intimately the sacrifices Florida law enforcement officers make to keep us safe. To bolster support for law enforcement, I launched the [Back the Blue Award Campaign](#). This campaign highlights the brave and selfless service of law enforcement officers, and those officers, citizens and organizations taking extraordinary steps to forge positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

These are just a few of the highlights so far. Our team is also fighting human trafficking, taking action against online scams, shutting down sham charities and so much more. For more about our first 100 days in office, click [here](#).

There are still a lot of challenges before us, and I vow to continue to approach this job every day with a sense of urgency and passion for protecting the vulnerable, prosecuting criminals and defending the rule of law.

Thank you, fellow Floridians for this opportunity. I am humbled to be your Attorney General.

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In The News

DEA Launches Bay Area Program to Combat the Opioid Crisis, Spectrum Bay News 9

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Florida's attorney general sends Tax Day warnings to potential scam, ID theft targets, Miami Herald

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TAX DAY: Precautions to Avoid Falling Victim to Tax-Related Identity Theft and Scams, Space Coast Daily

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Florida, New York reach settlement with company accused of using social media bots, Florida Record

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17 people arrested in months long Plant City drug investigation, WFTS

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Protecting Floridians



In recognition of

National Volunteer Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody is highlighting Seniors v. Crime volunteers. Seniors v. Crime is a special project of the Florida Attorney General's Office. Hundreds of volunteers called Senior Sleuths work through the program to assist the Florida Attorney General's Office and local law enforcement with civil and criminal investigations.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Our Senior Sleuths play an important role in our mission to protect Florida seniors from fraud and abuse. In recognition of National Volunteer Month, I want to say thank you to all of these great volunteers for the support they provide to our new Senior Protection Team, and for all they do to help our office fight fraud in Florida." [Read More](#)

Several Arrested in Connection to Major Drug Trafficking Operation

Attorney General Ashley Moody

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On Wednesday,

April 17, 2019, Sheriff Chad Chronister announced that several people are now facing charges in connection to a seven-month drug investigation. The investigation was performed in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Wide Prosecutors Office.

The investigation, which began in September of 2018, found a significant drug trafficking hub operating out of 1804 South Forbes Road, Plant City, Florida. Over the past several years, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has responded to more than 100 calls of service to that location.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Methamphetamine is a deadly, highly addictive drug that destroys families and ruins lives. I want to thank Sheriff Chronister and our partners at the Drug Enforcement Administration for their quick action to dismantle this meth-trafficking ring and seize these deadly drugs before they could harm more Floridians." [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody spoke to chambers of commerce members from Central Florida about her top priorities as Attorney General. The





Attorney General Moody joining Michael's Angels community service organization to



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Attorney General Moody celebrating Brandon Duralia becoming an official member of the United States Army Infantry, along with husband Justin Duralia and youngest



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