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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 30, 2019



Hurricane Dorian is headed in our direction, and Floridians need to prepare now. If you haven't already, stock up on food and water, know evacuation routes and take steps to guard against scams.

One of the most common storm-related scams we see is price gouging. During a declared state of emergency, it's unlawful to sell essential commodities for an amount that grossly exceeds the average price 30 days before the declaration.

I have activated Florida's Price Gouging Hotline so Floridians statewide can report price gouging allegations directly to our office.

You can help by downloading our new reporting app—NO SCAM.

NO SCAM allows users in real-time to:

- Send pictures of prices on signs and products;
- Capture and report receipts;
- Write narratives of interactions with sellers; and

- Upload additional documentation directly to my office.

For directions to download the app and tips to report price gouging, visit MyFloridaLegal.com.

By preparing now, and knowing how to report price gouging, you can help us build a stronger safer Florida.

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

In The News

Florida activates price gouging hotline ahead of Hurricane Dorian, WTXL Tallahassee

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Hurricane Dorian: Attorney's general app helps report price gouging, WINK News

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Florida attorney general encourages residents to report price gouging, use new app ahead of storm, Action News Jax

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Phishing scams on the rise after Equifax data breach, WMBB Panama City

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Attorney General seeks state court help with Bruno Total Home investigation, Naples Daily News

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Moody wraps up summer mental health series, (NSF) WJXT Jacksonville

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Judges seek expanded mental health services in justice system, (CNS) WJHG Panama City

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Scammers Now Targeting Equifax Settlement Efforts, WUWF Radio

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Moody continues nationwide effort to stop illegal robocalls, Highlands News-Sun

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Protecting Floridians



Attorney

General Ashley Moody appointed three Floridians to the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse. Attorney General Moody's appointees are former-Representative Jim Boyd, Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma and CEO of DACCO Behavior Health Mary Lynn Ulrey. Attorney General Moody serves as Chair of the task force established earlier this year through an Executive Order by Governor Ron DeSantis.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As Chair of the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse, I am pleased to announce these three talented Floridians are joining our efforts to aggressively fight the opioid crisis in Florida. The experience they bring to our group will be extremely vital as we work to find effective solutions to address opioid abuse and mitigate the destruction this crisis has caused Florida families and communities." [Read More](#)

Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Arrests Crestview Woman for Abuse of Disabled Adult



Attorney General Ashley Moody announced the arrest of a Crestview woman for abuse of a disabled woman. Tuesday, the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrested Angelia Maddox. The arrest followed an investigation by Attorney General Moody's MFCU. [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody discussed Florida's preparations for agency



Attorney General Moody at the Jacksonville Emergency Operations Center with local emergency responders for a briefing on Hurricane Dorian. Attorney General Moody urges all Floridians to make necessary storm preparations now before the storm arrives.



From left to right: AG Moody, Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams, Chief Fire Deputy Director Todd Smith, and Mayor Lenny Curry

Attorney General Moody is encouraging Floridians to prepare for a hurricane strike now and to report gouging to her office by calling (866) 9NO-SCAM or by downloading the NO SCAM app.

