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## **Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - June 9, 2023**



This week, with Florida students now out of school, we launched Idle Time: A Summer Safety Series to help parents protect children from summer-related threats. If you're a parent like me, you're excited to have your children home for the summer, but worried about their safety during this free time.

The first installment of the series is a warning about dangerous drugs like fentanyl.

A [recent study](#) found that children under the age of 14 are dying of fentanyl poisoning at a faster rate than any other age group, with reports of fentanyl being found in substances like marijuana, cocaine, illicit vape pods, and even looking like candy as brightly colored pills.

[Nearly 110,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2022](#). Most of these deaths are driven by illicit fentanyl and it is the [number one killer of adults aged 18-45](#).

Here are some tips from our Summer Safety Series for parents to help protect kids from fentanyl and other deadly substances:

- Make clear rules and consequences for children;
- Talk about how dangerous addiction is and how just one pill can kill;
- Reassure children that they are free to talk about the subject at home because keeping an open conversation is a healthy way to build trust; and
- Learn to recognize the potential signs of drug impairment and know the proper steps to take if you suspect your child is using drugs.

More resources for parents can be found at our [Dose of Reality Florida website](#), a one-stop shop for Floridians to learn about the dangers of opioid misuse and to find support.

Check out our first Idle Time installment [here](#).

By learning about emerging threats that face our children and talking to them about the dangers of deadly drugs, you can keep your kids safe this summer and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

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## **In The News**

**Florida AG gets a win in immigration fight with Biden administration, WCJB ABC 20 Gainesville**

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**Florida notches another legal win over Biden on immigration, Politico**

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**AG Moody defeats Biden administration in court, again, The Center Square Florida**

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**Family arrested in COVID-19 loan fraud scheme, accused of using relief funds for personal gain, CBS 12 West Palm Beach**

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**Scam artist stole from more than 40 victims, caused more than \$300,000 in losses, CBS 12 West Palm Beach**

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## Protecting Floridians

**AG Moody Beats Biden on Emergency Request Keeping in Place Preliminary Injunction Blocking Mass-Release Immigration Policy**



The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals just ruled in Florida's favor, letting stand the preliminary injunction, pending the Biden administration's appeal, and stating that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security failed to show that it is irreparably injured by the preliminary injunction.

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**Attorney General Moody Fights FEMA to Lower Flood Insurance Rates for Floridians**



Attorney General Ashley Moody is fighting the Federal Emergency Management Agency to lower flood insurance rates for Floridians.

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**Prison Sentence Secured for Scam Artist Committing Real Estate and Property Crimes**



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a multi-year prison sentence for a scammer that committed multiple white-collar crimes involving real estate and advertising property.

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## Attorney General Moody's Statewide Prosecutors Charge Four in COVID Loan Fraud Scheme



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution is charging Steeve Roberts, Johnnie Jean, Amanda Pierre-Philippe, and Stephanie Paul for operating a COVID loan fraud scheme that stole more than half a million dollars.

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**Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution Charges Nonprofit Director for Stealing Nearly \$3 Million**



Attorney General Ashley Moody's Office of Statewide Prosecution is charging an owner of a nonprofit organization participating in a state-funded program for stealing millions of dollars.

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## Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody, with Gov. Ron DeSantis, local law enforcement and Florida law enforcement leaders, at the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona.



Attorney General Moody in Tampa speaking at the Florida Association of District School Superintendents Summer Conference.



