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Operation S.A.F.E

This week, my office announced the conclusion of a statewide operation to help businesses and consumers identify and report credit card skimmers used to steal personal information. During Operation S.A.F.E. (Skimmer and Fraud Enforcement), which ran from November 6 through November 20, more than 900 businesses were inspected and nearly 6,000 point of sale terminals were examined.

Mississippians can guard against skimmer devices accessing their card information by using tap pay or chip read terminals and avoiding card swipes, if possible. Consumers should also pay attention to the look of the card reader. Skimmer devices often fit over the reader, making it look different and even larger than other devices and may even pull off if lifted from the corners of the reader.

This year, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office has recovered 15 skimmers throughout Mississippi, including one during Operation S.A.F.E.

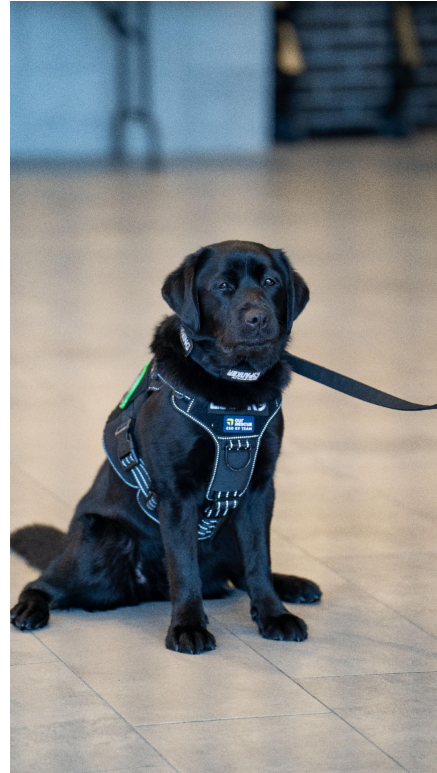
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Welcome to the Team, T.R.A.C.E.!

During the Operation, the Attorney General's Office welcomed our newest Officer, T.R.A.C.E. – Technology Retrieval and Cyber Enforcement. This two-year-old black lab is trained to detect electronic storage devices and work alongside our law enforcement officers to sniff out hidden evidence of

child exploitation. We are so excited to have her as part of our team, and we know that she is going to do incredible things for Mississippi.



Mississippi Wins Landmark Case Over China

Last week, our office won a judgment of over \$25 billion against China for the COVID-related damage they did to our state and our people. As U.S. District Court Judge Taylor McNeel wrote: “China orchestrated a scheme that artificially raised both PPE prices and the need for PPE in the first place. Such conduct calls for a historic penalty to achieve deterrence, thereby protecting the public.”



Fighting Against Child Exploitation

This month, my office announced the sentencing in two child exploitation cases. [Jakayln Moore](#) of Southaven, Mississippi, was sentenced for one count of Sexual Battery by a Person in a Position of Trust and Authority and one count of Child Exploitation, and [Colby Isaiah Johnson](#) of Waveland, Mississippi, was sentenced for one count of Possession of Child Exploitation Material.

Moore, a former substitute teacher, was sentenced to twenty-five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), with fifteen years to serve and ten years of post-release supervision. She was also ordered to pay an assessment of \$2,000 to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund and will be required to register as a sex offender. In addition to these state charges, Moore was also sentenced to serve fifteen years on a federal charge of Production of Child Sexual Abuse Materials.

Johnson was sentenced to serve twenty years in the custody of the MDOC, day for day without the possibility of parole. Our investigators found more than 1,000 images and videos of child sexual abuse material on his devices.

My office remains deeply committed, unwaveringly dedicated, and intensely focused on investigating criminal matters, as well as prosecuting them so that victims can be rescued and justice may be served.



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Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of the Attorney General's Office, we wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



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