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Operation Fins Up

4 arrests and 5 victims recovered

My office completed a 2-day human trafficking operation in Oxford, Mississippi, led by our Human Trafficking Task Force. The operation resulted in seven arrests. As a result of this operation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) placed an Immigration Detainer on one of the subjects pending release from state charges. In addition, five human trafficking victims were recovered.

During Operation Fins Up, my office's investigators and prosecutors worked with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, including the Oxford Police Department and Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, to make the arrests and recover the victims. Kevin Malone, President Trump's Senior Advisor on Human Trafficking at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, observed the operation, including victim advocacy services.

My office is committed to taking criminals off the streets and equally committed to setting victims on the road to recovery. We are grateful to our law enforcement partners who worked with us on Operation Fins Up and who are a part of our task force.

Fighting Against Fentanyl in Jackson

In September, I delivered 50 Emergency Overdose Boxes and 2,000 Fentanyl Harm Prevention Kits to the City of Jackson as part of my One Pill Can Kill campaign, which is a public awareness initiative to educate, support, and empower Mississippians with information on the dangers of fentanyl, how to identify it, and what to do if someone is overdosing. Since launching this campaign, Mississippi has seen a 39% drop in overdose deaths, largely due to the increased accessibility of naloxone and fentanyl test strips.

Only a few grains of fentanyl can kill and it is increasingly found in counterfeit pills and vapes, and other products. We are excited to partner with Mayor Horhn to spread the tools to help save lives from fentanyl overdose in Jackson. We are grateful to Jackson's police and firefighters for making our Emergency Overdose Boxes and Fentanyl Harm Prevention Kits easy to access around the city.



Enhancing Security in Prisons

I recently joined a coalition of 22 State Attorneys General in a letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) supporting a new rule that would allow correctional facilities to use cellphone jamming technologies to disrupt cellular transmissions coming from contraband cellphones.

Contraband cellphones are a problem in prisons in Mississippi and all over the country. These phones pose a real threat, allowing criminals to conduct criminal activity while sitting behind bars and coordinate violence within correctional facilities. I am encouraged that the FCC is addressing this important issue and giving states the tools to combat this security risk.

The proposed rulemaking would empower correctional administrators to implement jamming systems that disrupt unauthorized wireless communications with prisons, without affecting legitimate service outside the facility. This targeted approach balances the need for security with the preservation of lawful communications.



Celebrating the Second Anniversary of MAMA

On October 1, we celebrated the second anniversary of Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance (MAMA), a free website and mobile app that connects pregnant women and mothers to private, public, and faith-based resources available across the state. Since launching the MAMA website in October 2023, over 27,000 individuals have visited the website for a total of 88,000 hits. Over 1,000 users have downloaded the mobile app since it went live on January 1, 2024.

MAMA is just one of the ways that Mississippi is helping to stand in the gap to both empower women and promote life. I am grateful for this opportunity to show women that they are not alone. We care about their wellbeing and success and want to help them and their families flourish.



Improving the National Human Trafficking Hotline

I am excited that the Department of Health and Human Services has announced new management for the National Human Trafficking Hotline to Compass Connections.

For more than three years, I have led a bipartisan coalition of State Attorneys General concerned about the failure of the Hotline to report third-party tips of human trafficking to law enforcement. These tips help us recover victims of human trafficking and disrupt the criminal enterprises that trade on their wellbeing and safety and put us all at risk. We look forward to this new opportunity to forge a strong partnership with Compass Connections and establish a new and improved National Human Trafficking Hotline.

You can read my joint statement on the recent announcement with Delaware Attorney General Kathy Jennings [here](#).



Urging the Senate to End the Government Shutdown

Last week prior to the shutdown deadline, I led a coalition of 26 Attorneys General urging the United States Senate to pass a short-term continuing resolution and avoid a government shutdown.

We wrote: “A clean, short-term continuing resolution keeps the government functioning at current levels to give the parties time to negotiate. CRs may not be the ideal way for governments to operate, but they are the responsible thing to do under the circumstances. This commonsense option keeps the servicemen and women, border agents, and TSA screeners who keep us safe paid. It keeps grant funding for state and local law enforcement and first responders going. And while Social Security checks would still be mailed out in a shutdown, benefit verification and card issuance would pause, affecting seniors in potentially dire ways. A government shutdown would disrupt our economy, threaten public safety, and further erode the people’s confidence in public institutions, but all of that is entirely avoidable.”

I remain hopeful that the Democrats will come to the table to end the shutdown. The people of Mississippi and the rest of this nation deserve real solutions, not political games.

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Fitch".

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