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A Message from Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch

This week, voters in Washington, Colorado, Arizona, and Nebraska were asked whether boys should stay out of girls' sports. In all four states, voters said YES to protecting girls' sports and standing up for their daughters' safety, privacy, and opportunities. Voters said: girls' sports are for girls. Allowing biological males to compete in women's sports undermines the fairness of competition and diminishes the accomplishments of the women who earned them.

I was proud to bring the first lawsuit to defend Title IX against the Biden administration. I have been proud to advocate for Mississippi laws to define women and men and protect women's spaces and sports. My office will continue to preserve the integrity of women's athletics and support these incredible women in the fight to protect them.

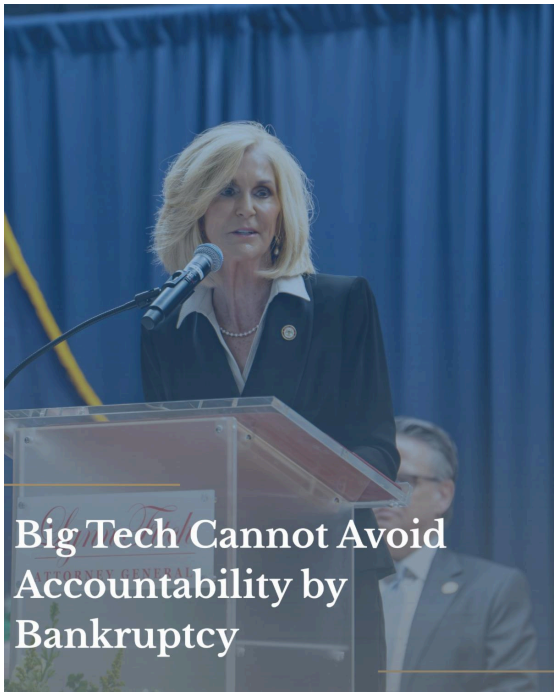
May God Bless You,



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"ParentsTogether Action and Heat Initiative logged 669 harmful interactions in 50 hours of chats from Character.AI accounts registered to children aged 12 to 15, about one every five minutes. The largest category, with 296 instances, was grooming and sexual exploitation." Our investigation into Character.AI uncovered ample evidence of

the physical, mental, and emotional harm that these chatbots can cause – as well as how much personal data is collected through individual interactions with chatbots. The companies that develop and market them cannot avoid accountability through bankruptcy, and we will ensure that children have a voice in these proceedings.



AG Fitch in the News

WLOX - Inside the Mississippi AG's Cyber Crime Lab: How investigators uncover child predators, crack skimmers, and fight predatory AI

Behind secure doors at the **Mississippi Attorney General's Office**, state investigators are engaged in an escalating digital arms race against high-tech syndicates and online predators.

Attorney General Lynn Fitch led a tour of the state's Cyber Crime Lab on Tuesday, offering an inside look at how state investigators are utilizing specialized forensics tools, custom hardware, and elite detection dogs to combat digital crime syndicates operating across Mississippi.

During the tour of the Digital Forensics Lab Unit, state investigators demonstrated specialized extraction techniques and walked through case studies spanning emerging cyber threats — including cryptocurrency scams, business email compromise, ATM jackpotting, skimmers, "SMiSHing" text schemes, artificial intelligence, and child exploitation CyberTips.

WAPT - Mississippi man sentenced to 40 years for possession of child sexual abuse material

A Mendenhall man has been sentenced to 40 years in prison, with seven years to serve without parole, for possessing over 500 images and videos of child sexual abuse material.

On Oct. 1, Simpson County Circuit Court Judge Stanley Sorey sentenced Anthony James "A.J." Brownell to 40 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for one count of possession of child abuse material. Brownell will serve seven years day-for-day without the possibility of parole, followed by five years of supervised probation and 10 years of unsupervised probation.

The case originated from a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and was investigated and prosecuted by **the Attorney General's Office.**

"Predators who exploit children in Mississippi will be held accountable for their crimes," said **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** in a statement. "Our investigation in this case uncovered more than 500 images and videos of child sexual abuse material. Each time an image or video is viewed, a child who has suffered unthinkable abuse is revictimized. If you suspect a child is being exploited or abused, please report it to my office. Your tip could save a life."

Darkhorse Press - Mississippi receives $1 million grant to strengthen domestic violence response

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch and the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence have received a three-year, $1 million federal grant aimed at improving law enforcement response to domestic violence cases, particularly in rural communities.

The grant, awarded through the Office on Violence Against Women's Improve the Criminal Justice Response Program, will fund training, materials and equipment for local law enforcement agencies.

More than 300 laptops or similar devices are expected to be purchased through the grant. Officials said the equipment will help officers access resources including the Mississippi Domestic Violence Registry and Mississippi Protection Order Registry while responding to cases.

Magnolia Tribune - AG announces Medicaid fraud sentencing

Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced Monday the sentencing of Shawncee Vassar-Cunningham for one count of Medicaid wire fraud.

"When you defraud Medicaid, you steal from taxpayers and from the vulnerable Americans who depend on those benefits," said **Attorney General Fitch.** "We are sending a clear message that here in Mississippi, you will be held accountable. We are committed to fighting waste, fraud, and corruption."

On October 20, 2026, Madison County Circuit Court Judge Dewey Arthur sentenced Cunningham to five years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), with two years to serve and three suspended, and five years of supervised probation. She was ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of $538,828.91 to the Mississippi Division of Medicaid.

This sentence is a part of **Attorney General Fitch's work** during the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Health Care Fraud Takedown this summer.



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