



NEWSLETTER



BREAKING NEWS:

Possible medical marijuana scams

Since passage of Initiative 65 last month, the Attorney General’s Office has received questions about advertisements claiming to offer pre-registration for medical marijuana cards in Mississippi, even though the Mississippi Department of Health has not issued any regulations pursuant to Initiative 65, nor has it licensed any providers at this time.

As Mississippi’s chief legal officer, I will not allow companies to engage in fraudulent and deceptive business practices in our State. My office will remain watchful and continue to work closely with the Mississippi Department of Health to protect the health and safety of Mississippi consumers. We urge you to be wary of any promises to jump you to the head of the line for access to medical marijuana in Mississippi. It is too early for any company to guarantee those promises will be kept.

To report suspected scams or fraudulent activity, contact the Mississippi Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-281-4418 or emailing consumer@ago.ms.gov.



Mississippi reaches settlement for Home Depot data breach

Last week, I joined the Attorneys General of 45 other states and the District of Columbia in announcing a \$17.5 million settlement against Home Depot. This lengthy multistate investigation of a 2014 data breach that exposed the payment card information of approximately 40 million Home Depot consumers nationwide.



When companies fail to protect personal data, they leave millions of consumers vulnerable to identity theft and misuse of their personal information. This settlement highlights the importance of implementing procedures to protect consumers’ sensitive personal information and every business’ duty to do so.



VIDEO: Avoid scams when online shopping



During this season of giving, it’s important to be safe while shopping online. Keep these tips in mind when looking for the best deals and perfect gifts for your loved ones.



Successful beer, vape, and e-cig compliance checks in Lafayette County

After receiving calls from worried parents, the Oxford Police Department asked my office to conduct beer, vape, and e-cigarette compliance checks in Lafayette County and the City of Oxford.

By Mississippi state law, the sale of beer, vape, and e-cigarettes to anyone under age 21 is illegal. This action was taken to hold stores accountable as we all work to protect the health and safety of our children.

Out of 25 stores, there was a total of 18 violations.



First female federal judge for MS Southern District

Mississippi’s Solicitor General Kristi Johnson

Kristi’s confirmation was a significant milestone for Mississippi. I am so proud to have appointed Kristi to serve as Mississippi’s first Solicitor General. She made tremendous contributions to my office, and she brought our appellate advocacy to new heights. I am confident she will represent Mississippi well in her new role as Mississippi’s first female federal judge for the Southern District.

Confirmation



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