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THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

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TOP HEADLINES

AG Schneiderman Task Force Take Down Major NY Drug Ring

Attorney General Schneiderman, joined by partners in law enforcement, charged 27 people with operating two drug distribution rings as part of "Operation Uptown Red Alert." The first drug ring allegedly transported heroin, cocaine, and illegal narcotic pills throughout New York State and surrounding states. The second allegedly sold cocaine throughout Albany. Led by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force, state investigators seized \$500,000 worth of heroin, \$50,000 worth of cocaine, more than 1,000 illegal prescription narcotic pills, and multiple firearms. The two separate indictments charge 27 individuals with 324 crimes.

Adequate Medical Services for Prisoners

Attorney General Schneiderman announced a lawsuit against Armor Correctional Health Medical Services, claiming that they failed to provide proper medical services to inmates as required by Nassau County Correctional Center. The lawsuit alleges that Armor, a prison health services company responsible for providing comprehensive medical services, either failed to perform or egregiously underperformed many of its obligations. Of the 12 inmate that have died since Armor was contracted by the county, five were found to have received inadequate medical care.

In Other News...

* The Attorney General stood up to a group of radical lawmakers trying to block his fraud investigation into Exxon.

* After pocketing funds from a crowdfunding website, a Binghamton woman faces a lawsuit.

* The owner of a travel agency will pay \$60,000 to consumers for deceptive business practices.

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Protecting the Unemployed from Predatory Scams

The Attorney General filed a lawsuit against New York City-based Delta Services, Inc., its predecessor Ultimate Security Force, Inc., and their owner Jeffreys Paulino, for allegedly using phony job listings and making false promises of employment to unemployed consumers struggling to find work. The Attorney General alleges that Delta, Ultimate Security, and Mr. Paulino scammed hundreds, if not thousands, of consumers by tricking them into paying for expensive, and often unnecessary, training courses.



Enforcing Child Labor Laws

The Attorney General announced the arrest of Homer farm owner Luke Park for multiple alleged child safety violations related to the death of 14-year-old Alex Smith. The boy died while allegedly operating a hydraulic lift with fork attachment – equipment that is explicitly prohibited by child labor laws. Mr. Park also allegedly employed other minors on his dairy farm, required them to work more hours per week than the maximum for children of that age, and paid them off-the-books. New York’s Child Labor Laws set forth strict guidelines regarding the employment of minors that includes limitations on operating dangerous equipment or performing hazardous work.

Other News Continued

* The Attorney General issued a consumer alert following a recent uptick in local reports of telephone scammers posing as officials from the Internal Revenue Service. These scams, identified by complaints and other evidence collected by the Attorney General’s Office, often target seniors, students, and first-generation Americans.



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