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Moran pushed ticket scalping law

Kansas senator championed the Better Online Ticket Sales Act in 2016

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Years before Taylor Swift even announced The Eras Tour, a Kansas senator championed a law that is now being enforced by the federal government against alleged ticket scalpers.

The Federal Trade Commission announced Aug. 18 that it is suing Maryland-based ticket broker Key Investment Group, its affiliated companies and top executives. They are accused of



Moran

unlawfully buying up tickets to Swift's Eras Tour and profiting by reselling them at a higher price.

The FTC's case is based on the Better Online Ticket Sales Act, or BOTS, which was introduced in Congress in 2016 by U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas.

"BREAKING: @FTC is taking action against ticket scalpers who violated the laws established by my bill, the BOTS

Act," Moran said in a post on X. "The defendants in the FTC's complaint used unlawful tactics to inflate ticket prices & rob everyday individuals of the opportunity to attend concerts like the Eras Tour. They must be held accountable for violating the law."

The FTC alleges the ticket broker used "unlawful tactics to exceed ticket purchasing limits for many popular events, including Taylor Swift's Eras Tour, and resell the tickets at significantly higher prices, generating millions in revenue." Those tactics allegedly bypassed security measures implemented by Ticketmaster intended to block resellers.

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Taylor Swift performs during the first night of the Cincinnati stop of The Eras Tour at Paycor Stadium Ohio, on June 30, 2023. The Federal Trade Commission alleges a ticket broker broke federal law in buying and reselling concert tickets.

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ICONIC ART

More than 40 murals can be found across Hutchinson

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Each year it seems at least one more mural is added to the walls of Hutchinson, and with fall coming up, it might be a good time to get out and take a tour of them all. • According to Visit Hutch, there are more than 40 murals spread throughout the city, including downtown, in parks, on and near businesses and even on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

• Here's a look at some of these iconic pieces of art in Hutchinson. See MURALS, Page 3A



TOP: A 140-foot wide and 25-foot tall "Community" mural is located at 29 S. Main St. in Hutchinson. The mural depicts several iconic images of the city, including the Fox Theatre, fairgrounds and water tower. LOWER LEFT: Three murals highlight the Chester I. Lewis Plaza, including one depicting the Civil Rights lawyer born in the city. The murals are just three of several that can be found in downtown Hutchinson. LOWER RIGHT: A mural with a Santa Fe steam locomotive faces the Hutchinson train station near Third Avenue. The mural is one of two "Community" murals along Main Street in downtown Hutchinson.

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Official: Brain-eating amoebas are 'likely' present in Kansas

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Kansas children died in 2011 and 2014 after being infected by the same type of waterborne, brain-eating amoeba that recently hospitalized a patient in Missouri.

But officials say such infections are extremely rare, considering the millions of people who go swimming each year.

The type of amoeba involved, Naegleria fowleri, strikes fewer than 10 people annually in the U.S., said the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Victims become infected when they snort water containing the single-celled organism up their nose, the CDC said.

Those victims usually die. Of the 167 people infected between 1962 and 2024 in the U.S., four survived, the CDC said.

Missouri patient may have been water skiing in the Ozarks

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services said in an Aug. 13 news release that an adult was being treated in a hospital intensive care unit in that state after having been infected by Naegleria fowleri.

If water containing that amoeba goes up a person's nose to the brain, it can destroy brain tissue and cause an infection called primary amebic meningoencephalitis, Missouri health officials said.

Based on preliminary information, they said, the Missouri victim appeared to have been water skiing at the Lake of the Ozarks days prior to becoming ill. No updates have been provided regarding the victim's condition.

No other suspected cases of PAM are being investigated by the state of Missouri.

Last month, a 12-year-old boy died from a PAM infection after swimming at a lake in South Carolina.

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