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STATEMENT REGARDING MASS SHOOTING INCIDENT IN VIRGINIA BEACH

"Today's tragic shooting in Virginia Beach was a vile attack on our Hampton Roads community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and our entire nation. We are thankful for the brave efforts of the law-enforcement officers who responded in the face of danger and defended the public from any further violence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims, and we hope for a speedy recovery for those who are fighting as we speak this evening. We categorically condemn this horrible act against our friends and fellow citizens in Virginia Beach. The Portsmouth Commonwealth's Attorney's Office stands in solidarity with our neighbors during this difficult time and is firmly committed to eradicating brutal and senseless instances of gun violence such as this to ensure the safety of our children, our families, and our entire communities."

- Commonwealth's Attorney Stephanie N. Morales

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