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Statement on Arrest of Former School Resource Officer Scot Peterson

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released the following statement regarding the arrest of former Marjory Stoneman Douglas school resource officer Scot Peterson. Peterson is facing seven counts of neglect of a child, three counts of culpable negligence and one count of perjury for his inaction following the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School:

“The Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting was a horrible tragedy and it is devastating to think that the loss of innocent lives of students and faculty could have been prevented. As a mother, I cannot imagine the heartbreak and pain the families of the victims and the whole Parkland community have felt every day since February 14, 2018. I want to thank the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Broward State Attorney's Office for investigating this tragedy and holding Scot Peterson responsible for his inaction.”