

# **Unreported Information Showing Nikolas Cruz's Troubling Behavior**

Many people, through a variety of forums, had knowledge of Cruz's concerning behavior that they did not report.

Others had knowledge of Cruz's concerning behavior that they reported but that information was not acted on by the person to whom they made the report.

Some of the knowledge people gained about Cruz was gleaned from social media posts and other knowledge was based on personal observations or information they received.

We have identified at least **30 people** who had knowledge of troubling behavior Cruz exhibited prior to the MSDHS shooting that was not reported or it was reported but not acted upon.

The following reflects the categories of Cruz's unreported behavior known to people before the shooting:

Animal Cruelty/Killing: 7

Knife/bullet/firearm seen in Cruz's possession: 19

Statements of hatred toward a group or person: 8

Statements of desire/or to hurt or kill people: 11

Specific statement to shoot school: 3

The following slides contain some examples of the troubling behavior Cruz exhibited before the MSDHS shooting.

The timeframes for some of the material is known, some unknown and other occurrences are within date ranges.

Some of this information was in and of itself actionable, some was not, but in the aggregate it is obvious that Cruz's behavior was escalating over time.

What is even more obvious is that people need to report more of what they see and hear.

The following slides contain some examples of Cruz's social media posts containing concerning behavior.



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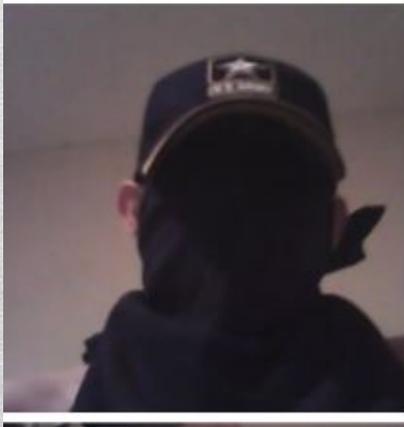
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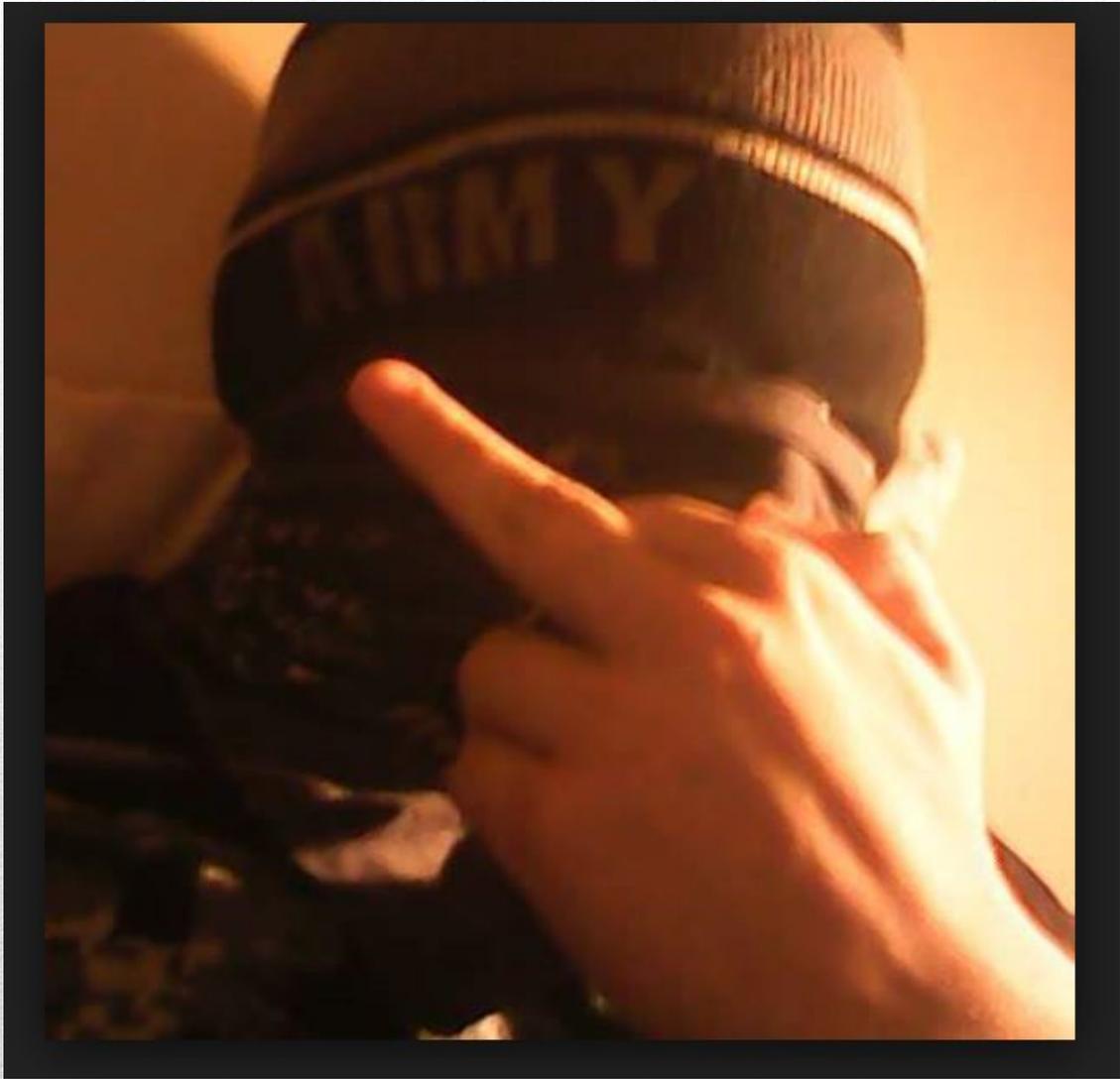
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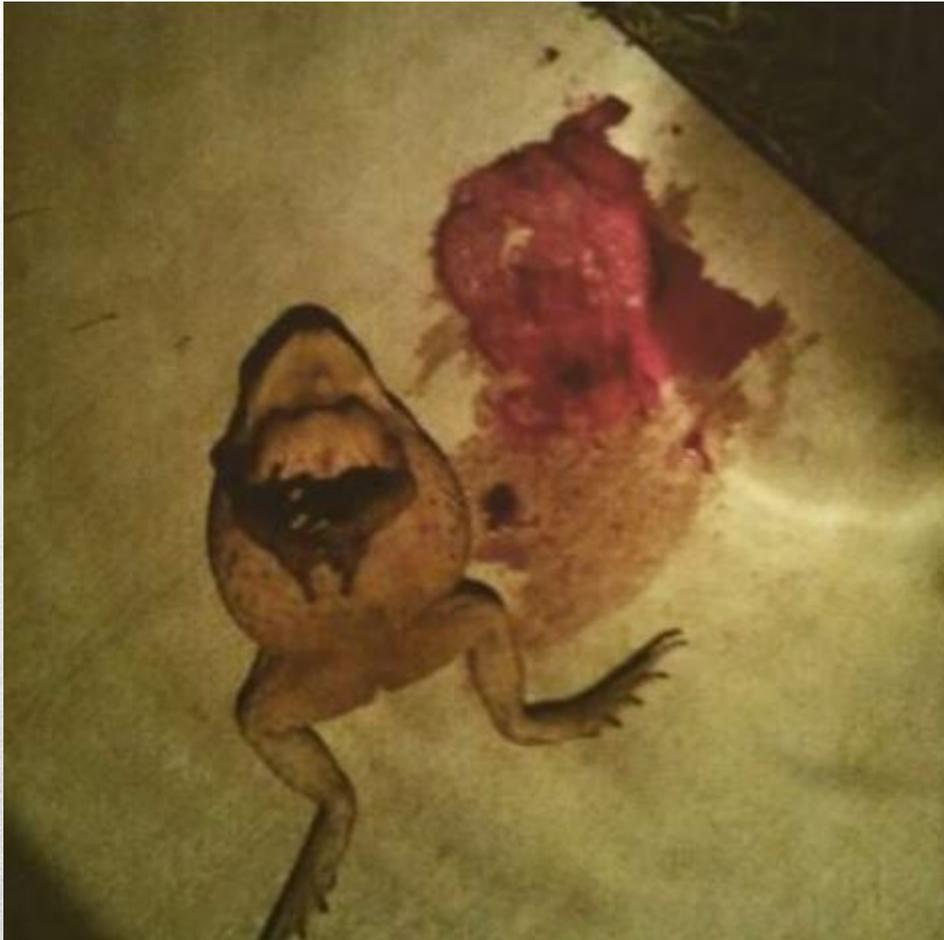


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The following are summaries from some of the people interviewed who had knowledge of Cruz's troubling behavior.

This section contains summaries of people with knowledge who did not report their observations to anyone until after the MSDHS shooting.

Out of respect for their privacy the individuals interviewed are not identified by name in this presentation.

Witness: Student at MSD on the day of shooting

Summary:

He was not friends with Cruz. He had been previously invited to Cruz's home but he declined.

On the day of the shooting he evacuated the school and fled on foot to a nearby Walmart store. He saw Nikolas Cruz there.

He spoke to Cruz and asked him why he was there because he thought Cruz had been expelled from school.

Cruz told the student that he was wrong and the school took him back as a student. The witness had no reason not to believe him at that moment.

**During the interview, the student stated that if there was ever a school shooting some people thought Cruz would be the shooter.**



The student said he previously rode the bus with Nikolas Cruz.

**He described Cruz as awkward and said he made bad jokes, about Jewish people, Nazi's and Hitler. Cruz would also say things like, "I wish all the Jews were dead." The student also described Cruz as racist toward African-Americans.**

Cruz had previously shown him knives and bullets that he had brought to school. The student never informed any school teachers or staff about what he saw. He was polite to Cruz when he did see him, but avoided him if possible.

The student described a time that Cruz "may" have shown him a firearm at school. He then said, "I have like a false memory that he one time brought a gun to school."

Cruz would bring deceased animals to school sometimes with their heads removed. **Cruz would show other students and was proud of the animals he had killed. He knew that Cruz would draw Swastika's at lunch and on school desks.**

In a second recorded statement, the student stated the following about Cruz bringing a firearm to school.

Question from detective:

“So he (Cruz) would actually show you the gun?”

Response:

“He showed me the gun but like I was I didn’t want to do anything with them cause but my personal safety yeah I didn’t want to like have anything with him. So I told him like I tried to like talk him out of the this like bro stop bringing to school this stuff you can get expelled you can get in trouble. Some like he kind of listen to me but from inside he just doing whatever he wanted.”

The student never reported any of his knowledge or concern about Cruz to anyone prior to the shooting.

Witness: Bank Employee

Summary:

This citizen is an employee with a bank where Lynda Cruz conducted banking, she had been employed there as a personal banker for approximately eight years.

She stated that Lynda Cruz first came into her branch in approximately August of 2016.

She estimated that between the first time they met and Lynda Cruz's death in November 2017, they spoke on the telephone or saw each other weekly for at least 30 minutes.

She was not personal friends with Lynda Cruz and did not know her outside of her role as a bank employee.

Lynda Cruz was adamant about not using on-line banking. She expressed concerns that her sons (Nikolas or Zack) would damage the house if she was gone.

The witness described hearing Nikolas Cruz screaming at Lynda Cruz while talking with her on the telephone.

**The witness heard Nikolas Cruz threaten to kill Lynda Cruz and burn the house down. He repeatedly told Lynda Cruz to kill herself but if she won't he will do it for her and burn the house down with her in it so he can watch her burn. He further stated that then no one will stop him from what he needed to do.**

Cruz stated things to the effect that with Lynda gone he would be able to do whatever he wanted. **The bank employee knew that Nikolas had directed Lynda Cruz to kill herself or that he would kill her.**

**The witness heard much of what she described while Lynda Cruz was physically present in the bank. Lynda Cruz would use the speaker function on her cellular telephone and she could hear firsthand the conversations between Lynda and Nikolas.**

On one occasion she heard Nikolas Cruz scream on the phone because Lynda would not go to the grocery store. She also detailed an instance when Lynda Cruz had \$7000 removed from her online banking account.

The witness saw Nikolas Cruz in person approximately twice.

**Lynda Cruz told the banker that Nikolas Cruz was both verbally and physically abusive to her. She once noticed bruises on Lynda's wrist. Lynda Cruz stated that Nikolas had tried to get her purse and they physically fought over it.**

Lynda Cruz said that she did not want Nikolas Cruz with her anymore once he was 18 years old, but she was in fear of what that would mean for other people.

**She also told the banker that, “If anything happens to me you know it was Nick.” Lynda Cruz made her promise that if anything happened to her (death) that she would tell them it was Nikolas.**

Lynda described Cruz’s behavior as secretive and when she inquired it would escalate so she stopped asking.

Lynda Cruz tried to hide the Wi-Fi access at home because she was concerned about his internet activity. **Lynda searched Cruz’s history and learned that he had searched weapons. Nikolas told Lynda he was going to blow up the school. Lynda also told the witness that Nikolas had been kicked out of school but it was not because of being bullied, it was because he threatened people.**

Lynda noticed the Wi-Fi and tried to hide it but somehow he reset it to use the computer.

The witness was told by Lynda Cruz that if she tried to enter Nikolas Cruz's bedroom he would scream at her. She found knives in his room, but no firearms.

Lynda complained that Nikolas would intentionally leave food out to attract bugs to make her life miserable.

**He would say, "Get off your fat ass and clean it or go kill yourself so that way we all could be happy."**

The banker asked Lynda about police involvement or mental health to try to help her. **Lynda Cruz told her that Nikolas was very good at making people think that he doesn't know what he is doing.**

**Lynda Cruz was adamant that he (Nikolas Cruz) knew exactly what he is doing but played people into thinking that he had such a horrible life and he had been bullied and was depressed, but that was not the case. The impression she had was that Nikolas was highly manipulative.**

Lynda Cruz had visited the branch shortly before her death in November of 2017.

She looked upset and the Banker asked why she didn't just kick Nikolas out of the house, to which Lynda replied: "I **don't know what he's going to do.**"

The witness described Lynda Cruz as living in fear every day because Nikolas would threaten her and Zachary daily. She further described the conversation when Nikolas was threatening to burn the house down and Nikolas said, "They will really know me soon, don't worry, they'll see."

**Lynda Cruz told the witness that Nikolas had been kicked out of school because he had said he was going to go there and blow all those people away. She described his language as extremely racist. Nikolas Cruz had said something to the effect of, “It doesn’t matter they’re going to think I am crazy anyway.”**

**Lynda Cruz called Nikolas Cruz “evil.”**

A short time after Lynda died Nikolas Cruz was in the branch with a female guardian and Lynda’s debit card. He provided the card to the bank employee. He had no emotion and said he wanted to know how to get the funds from that account. He asked how long it was going to take because he had things to do.

The bank employee never reported any of the above information to anyone until she was interviewed after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Employee who worked at Dollar Tree with Nikolas Cruz

Summary:

This person was employed as a cashier at Dollar Tree while Cruz worked at the store.

Cruz was also employed as a cashier.

They were not personal friends.

They did not date or do anything social.

The witness described an incident involving Cruz when her mother was inside the store.

A store policy prohibited employees from ringing up family members so she could not wait on her own mother for purchases.

Nikolas Cruz rang up the other employee's mother and heard the conversation. The mother tried to talk with Nikolas Cruz about on-line schooling and things that could possibly help him.

**Nikolas Cruz responded by saying he could go shoot up Stoneman Douglas and he could shoot her too.**

This was the only time she heard Cruz say anything like this. She did not feel comfortable talking to him after that. This incident was not reported to law enforcement until after the shooting had on February 14, 2018.

The co-worker knew that Nikolas Cruz had been expelled from Stoneman Douglas. It was reportedly because he had brought a weapon in his backpack and been involved in a large fight.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

This witness was a student at MSD. She provided a statement about what occurred during the shooting and in her class. She knew Nikolas Cruz because he had previously dated her friend.

**Cruz was abusive toward the other female. She knew Cruz had killed frogs, lizards and squirrels. Cruz reportedly hated frogs because his dog somehow died from a frog.**

She had heard that Cruz had brought knives and bullets to the school but didn't not actually see them herself. She was aware of previous posts made by Cruz of deceased animals and firearms.

Cruz threatened this witness via Instagram in 2016 after his relationship with the other female ended.

**Cruz told her that he would kill her, rape her, and hurt her family and kill all the people that she cared about.**

Cruz would sometimes throw things at her when they were eating lunch.

She no longer had any messages or videos from 2016 saved. She said that Cruz had also threatened his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend.

Cruz physically attacked the new boyfriend at school possibly in late 2016.

None of this information was ever reported to law enforcement until after the MSD shooting occurred.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

**He knew Nikolas Cruz from sitting near him in a class during the 2016-2017 school year. Cruz would look up the number 666 on the classroom computer. He looked at disturbing images. Cruz also once looked up how to make a nail bomb.**

Cruz would make strange comments. He once remarked about the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida. **Cruz said that he was glad that they killed all those gay people.**

This student stated that Nikolas Cruz had intentionally destroyed other students' projects when no one else was present in class.

Cruz also spoke about the term "White Power" and he remembered that he had drawn a Swastika on his backpack.

Cruz had previously sent him a picture of a firearm, he did not respond to the messages.

He also knew about a time when a teacher observed Cruz on campus in August of 2017. He heard that Cruz had been expelled to a different school but did not have the exact details about why.

None of this was reported to anyone until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

He was present at MSD the day of the shooting. He had limited contact with Nikolas Cruz.

**He described an incident in his freshman year when Nikolas Cruz displayed a knife to him and other students at school.**

He also described Cruz as “fighting” with other people.

When this occurred is not clear.

This was not reported until law enforcement until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Student at MSD

Summary:

This witness had classes in his freshman year with Nikolas Cruz.

**Cruz showed him a picture of a decapitated cat. Cruz bragged about firearms and animals he had killed.**

**Cruz had also joked about shooting up the school.**

This information was never reported until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Employee at firearm business

Summary:

This person is employed at a firearm business. He recognized Cruz after seeing media coverage after the shooting occurred.

**He described a time when Cruz entered the store and he may have been 17 years old at the time. He did not purchase anything on that visit.**

**Cruz returned to the store a few months later, after turning 18, with a female he introduced as his grandmother to purchase a firearm.**

He described the woman with Cruz as an older white female with white hair. (Most likely Lynda Cruz)

**The employee completed the process for Cruz to purchase a firearm.**

**The woman who had been with Cruz called the store the following day and told the employee “do not release the gun if I’m not present with him.” He asked why and if something was bothering her about selling the gun to Cruz that he had to know. The female caller (presumably Lynda Cruz) said that it was “just because he was young and to make sure he’s safe and everything.”**

The employee explained to the person presumed to be Lynda Cruz that if Nikolas Cruz wanted to pick up the firearm himself he would not stop him unless she provided a reason to do otherwise. She responded that, “No he’s fine I just want to make sure he’s safe, you know, he’s young, the first gun.” He sold Cruz the firearm but it was actually released to Cruz by a different employee days later.

**The Employee later noticed Cruz in the store with other people dressed in camouflage. He noticed that Cruz had a Swastika drawn on his left wrist with pen or marker.**

This was never reported until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Friend of Lynda Cruz

Summary:

This person met Lynda Cruz in approximately 2010.

**Nikolas Cruz and the witness' son attended the same camp that year and became friends. Lynda Cruz would call her hysterically crying over the telephone that the boys (Nikolas and Zachary) were abusive toward her.**

Nikolas Cruz made the friend nervous because of his obsession with firearms. She also knew that he would break things inside the home, punch the walls and he had broken the television set.

The witness described Lynda as whispering when they would talk on the phone so Nikolas would not hear her and react negatively.

Nikolas also struck her child on the head with a ladle.

**Lynda Cruz had confided in her that she knew Nikolas would be living at home for the rest of his life, she just wanted him to graduate high school.**

**Nikolas Cruz would tell his mother to go fuck herself and wished that she would die. Nikolas would push her and be physically violent with her.**

This was not reported until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Acquaintance of Nikolas Cruz

Summary:

He met Nikolas Cruz at a camp a number of years earlier. He attended the Off Campus Learning Center (OCLC) at Taravella along with Nikolas Cruz.

**He described an incident when after school hours Nikolas Cruz showed him a lunchbox full of bullets.**

**He stated that Nikolas Cruz had told him that his mother (Lynda Cruz) would take him to purchase firearms and bullets. He had never seen the weapons in person, just pictures.**

He stated Cruz had temper tantrums and destroyed things when he would lose playing Call of Duty.

Nothing reported prior to the MSD shooting.

Witness: Employee at firearms business

Summary:

Witness is an employee at firearms business.

**He described Nikolas Cruz in the store with a woman, possibly his mother or grandmother. Cruz did not introduce the female by name or title.**

He remembered Cruz after media coverage but he had very little independent recollection of the two firearms transactions that he conducted.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

This student was in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. He estimated that he met Nikolas Cruz in approximately 7<sup>th</sup> grade on the bus. They lived in the same area so possibly shared a bus to Westglades Middle School.

**Cruz said to a group of students at lunch one day that he would like to shoot up the school. He then said he wouldn't shoot them because he liked them.**

The student stated Cruz made these threats once or twice. He did not think it was a serious threat and did not notify any teacher or staff.

**He said that Cruz explained once to him that his mother had purchased a shotgun for him to hunt in the Everglades.** He found it disturbing. There were rumors that Cruz would practice throwing knives at a tree at his house.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting / friend of Cruz

Summary:

This student was at MSD on the day of the shooting. He met Nikolas Cruz his freshman year. They were both interested in marksmanship.

Cruz had expressed to him that after Lynda Cruz died he thought his guardian was doing something fishy with his money, possibly stealing money from him.

He knew that his mother (Lynda Cruz) babied him and did everything for him.

**This student knew that initially Lynda Cruz would not let Nikolas purchase a firearm or keep it in the home.**

**She did finally give in and allowed him to keep the gun there. He knew that Lynda Cruz fought to keep Nikolas at MSD so he wouldn't be expelled or removed.**

He said that Cruz had described Lynda Cruz as politically a complete liberal.

After Lynda died Cruz placed a MAGA hat (Make America Great Again) in or on her grave site because he thought it was funny.

That was supported later by a photograph located on Nikolas Cruz's cellular telephone.

Witness: Former MSD Student

Summary:

He was not present at MSD during shooting. He met Zachary and Nikolas Cruz when they were in middle school. He estimated he knew them both for 6-7 years. He was friendly with both brothers, but more so with Zachary Cruz. He described Nikolas Cruz as special but really nice. He further indicated you could tell something was a little off with Nikolas Cruz.

**He said that for years previously Zachary Cruz and other friends would joke around saying that Nikolas Cruz would be a school shooter because of the way he killed helpless animals.**

**The witness stated that Cruz killed squirrels with a pellet gun and a duck with a tire iron. The killings occurred on a monthly basis. He remembered a picture of Nikolas Cruz on Instagram killing a toad.**

**Nikolas Cruz would break windows, break the exit signs, pull the fire alarm and scream words during school.**

None of this was ever reported to law enforcement until after the MSD shooting.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

This student described the shooting from her perspective. When she fled the school after the shooting she saw Nikolas Cruz.

**She made a remark to him, “I’m surprised you weren’t the one who did this.” Cruz did not respond.**

She thought because of the timing of the shooting and seeing Cruz she thought a second shooter existed. She did not see a second shooter and that was merely speculation on her part.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

He knew Cruz from school. He had a class with him the previous year. They did not spend time together outside of school.

**Cruz showed him scars on his arms from cutting himself. He knew Cruz to usually be armed with a knife.**

**He had also observed Cruz's Instagram with pictures of firearms posted.**

Witness: MSD student day of shooting / Acquaintance of Nikolas Cruz

Summary:

He was an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at MSD on the day of the shooting.

He met Nikolas Cruz once because they had a mutual friend.

**Cruz told him that he did not like black people and that he wanted to shoot them.**

This occurred in the first week of January of 2018.

Cruz also showed him some rifles that he had in his possession.

This occurred at the Sneed residence.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting / Acquaintance

Summary:

She was present at MSD the day of the shooting. She said Cruz was in classes with her in middle school.

She knew him as the “weird” kid in middle school. Cruz would do things intentionally to make people laugh or do something weird.

**A different friend, told her that she received a bird head from Cruz.**

**She remembered when Cruz kicked the window panel of the portable classroom.**

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

This student was in the JRTOC with Cruz at MSDHS. He described him as a weird kid.

He also attended Westglades Middle School in 7<sup>th</sup> grade with Cruz.

**He told of one instance in middle school when Cruz described that his parents were dead, he lived with his grandmother and he would beat her up. He also once saw that Cruz had a knife in his bag.**

Cruz would post Snapchat pictures and videos of deceased animals, killing squirrels and shooting at alligators in the eyes.

**Cruz claimed that he worshipped Satan.** Cruz had previously posted pictures of himself in a gas mask, wearing body armor and holding weapons.

None of this was reported to law enforcement until after the MSD shooting.

\*\* (This student was an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at MSD on the day of the shooting. He also stated that he felt students did not take the code red seriously at first on the day of the shooting. He said, “I think the reason why they were sort of passive... is that a month ago there was a whole practice of um... like we’re going to practice a code red, there’s going to be a fake shooter and we’re going to practice a code red.”)

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

She knew Cruz because he had been in her JRTOC class. **Cruz had asked her how it would feel to shoot somebody or hurt someone in general.**

She knew Cruz to use BB guns but did not know him to use real firearms. He was polite with her and she never saw him be violent.

She knew Cruz was fascinated with firearms. She did not have Cruz's telephone number but had contacted him on Snapchat.

The next section contains summaries from some of the people interviewed who had knowledge of Cruz's troubling behavior and reported it but the information was not further acted upon, or limitedly acted upon.

Out of respect for their privacy the individuals interviewed are not identified by name in this section except for one teacher who has already spoken publically on the issue.

Witness: Student at MSD

Summary:

This student had a class with Nikolas Cruz. They were not friends.

Cruz once brought a deceased animal in a container and displayed it to her while at school.

The student was disgusted.

The student remembered telling a teacher about it, but she was not positive of the teacher's name.

Witness: Neighbor / friend of Lynda Cruz

Summary:

This female lived near the Cruz family. She had a child about the same age as Nikolas Cruz. She had called the Broward Sheriff's Office because her child showed her an Instagram or Snapchat post of something Nikolas Cruz had written.

**The actual image was deleted but it said something to the effect that Cruz was going to get a gun and shoot up the school. She had allowed her children and the Cruz children to be friends when they were younger, but as the Cruz children's behavior got worse she terminated the friendship.**

She did not allow her children to visit the Cruz house or have them at her own home. She described a series of events over years of Nikolas Cruz hurting her children, her dog and destroying her property.

Earlier this year, the Broward Sheriff's Office conducted an internal investigation of the deputy who responded to this call and disciplined him for not following up further on the information reported by Cruz's neighbor.

Witness: Student at MSD day of shooting

Summary:

She was present during the shooting at MSD. She went to middle school and high school with Cruz.

Cruz introduced himself as the guy who was the troublemaker in school.

She knew that Cruz was troubled and had an IEP, possibly suffered from Autism and was adopted.

**Cruz had confided in her about being suicidal which was reported to a staff member. This resulted in the 2016 threat assessment. After reporting what she knew the student was present in the school office and heard the staff tell other people about it but did not remember exactly who was present.**

Cruz told her that he was depressed via Snapchat and those messages are now gone. They were not recovered by police. Cruz told her later that the police had searched his house for firearm.

**Cruz had made a vague threat to her about shooting up the school. “I’m so tired of everyone being mean to me, I just can’t take it, I want to shoot up the school.”**

She confronted him about it and he claimed he was joking. Cruz told her that he felt bullied because he was into hunting and other things that other people weren’t interested in and they just thought he was weird and creepy.

**Cruz spoke with her about killing animals for fun and had also shown her pictures of deceased animals.**

Witness: Student at MSD

Summary:

He observed Cruz intentionally smash a class project.

Student described Cruz as being weird and creepy.

Cruz looked up firearms on school computer in class.

The student had information that Cruz posted on Instagram pictures of firearms.

Student had information that Cruz had brought a knife or bullet to school

Cruz described himself as “crazy.”

Cruz said that he liked to see people in pain.

Cruz told the student that he had two shotguns.

He saw a fight between Cruz and another student.

The student went with another student to the student affairs office to report his observations about Cruz. The student stated he met with and reported the information to Assistant Principal Jeff Morford.

A deputy sheriff was also present when the student reported the information to Morford but he does not remember his name.

The student had seen an awareness video about odd behavior that should be reported to school staff and that caused him to act.

The student stated that Morford showed the student a picture of Cruz and asked if it was him and the student acknowledged that it was.

According to the student, Morford told him that he should Google the word Autism.

Morford told the student that Cruz was being taken out of the school by his parent and he did not have to worry about it.

Witness: Student at MSD

Summary:

This student went to the office with the previous student to report Cruz.

This student described going to see Principal Ty Thompson and stated that they told Thompson that Cruz was a threat to shoot up the school.

The student stated that Thompson seemed disinterested and referred to Autism.

Other than claiming it was Thompson instead of Morford, this student's statement was consistent with the other student's account of the interaction with the administrator.

This student further stated that the administrator (Thompson or Morford) did not take the report about Cruz seriously.

This student's mother became aware of the report about Cruz from her son and went to the school the next day.

The mother claims she spoke with Thompson (despite the other student's claim it was Morford) and according to the mother Thompson told her that if she wasn't happy with the way the school was run she should withdraw her son.

Both Morford and Thompson have been interviewed about this and both deny that either student, or the one student's mother ever reported Cruz's behavior to either of them.

Witness: Neighbor of Cruz

Summary:

This witness lived near the Cruz family and met them in 2009.

She observed Nikolas and Zachary Cruz being rough with the Cruz family dogs. She also described a different neighbor who witnessed the Cruz children holding down a cat as they let dogs attack it.

The cat sustained injuries and was taken to Coral Springs Animal Hospital.

The witness stated that Nikolas had been violent with Lynda Cruz

Witness: Teacher Sandra Rennie

MSDHS teacher Sandra Rennie stated that Cruz was a student in her class during 2016/2017 school year.

Cruz's behavior continued to deteriorate that year.

A student told Rennie that Cruz looked up disfigured people on the internet and thought it was funny.

It was also reported to Rennie that Cruz looked up firearms on the school computer.

Cruz destroyed a different student's class project on purpose. Cruz said he did not want the other students to receive a better grade than he did.

Rennie also described a morning in August of 2017 when Cruz returned to the MSD campus.

Rennie saw Cruz on campus and made contact with him. She thought Cruz was not supposed to be on the campus at all.

She briefly and politely spoke with Cruz.

Rennie then immediately went to the office and notified AP Jeff Morford that Cruz was on the campus.

According to Rennie, Cruz was located by an unknown staff member and removed from the campus without incident.

As he did with the other student's assertion that he reported Cruz's behavior to Morford, Morford denied Rennie reported to him Cruz being on campus in August 2017.

# Questions ?