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State Attorney Monique H. Worrell's Statement on the Arrest of 10-Year-Old Child

ORANGE COUNTY (June 7, 2022) — Today, following an investigation, the Orlando Police Department took a 10-year-old child, accused of using her mother's gun to shoot and kill Ms. Lashun Rodgers on Memorial Day into custody. This is one of the most tragic cases I have seen in my 22-year career.

Our office has started the process of reviewing this case and will consider all of the facts, including the age of the child, and all of the surrounding circumstances, when making a charging decision. We want to be clear in stating that no charging decision has been made by our office. However, we anticipate that whatever charges we eventually file, if any, will ensure she receives the interventions necessary to address her behavior, help her change and grow, and ensure the public's safety going forward. We encourage the public to remember—no matter your feelings surrounding this tragedy—this is still a child. As such, we will not be discussing any identifying information regarding this child.

This shooting is an unimaginable tragedy that defies easy solutions. Our office will proceed with care, and our primary focus will be on doing whatever we can to support Ms. Rodgers's family, protect the public, and improve the health of this child going forward. My deepest sympathies and prayers are with Ms. Rodger's family, her loved ones, and our entire community, as we cope with this unimaginable loss.

There will be no further comment or any interviews on this active and ongoing case.

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The Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit is represented by The Honorable Monique H. Worrell and serves Orange and Osceola counties in Central Florida. A culturally diverse community, the area is home to nearly 1.4 million residents and is a vacation destination for millions each year. Our office is committed to making Orlando and the surrounding area a vibrant and safe place to live, work and play.

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