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Charleston Mayor Tecklenburg Releases Statement in the Aftermath of the Tragic Events Yesterday

Charleston, S.C.— *Today, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg released the following statement in the aftermath of yesterday's tragic events at Virginia's on King restaurant:*

“Like so many others in our community, Sandy and I were deeply saddened yesterday by the senseless murder of Anthony Shane Whiddon, and by the terrible trauma inflicted on the patrons and staff of Virginia's restaurant. Our prayers are with Shane's family and friends, and with everyone else touched by this dreadful incident.

“In addition, I'd like to thank our local, state and national partners for their invaluable assistance yesterday. College of Charleston Public Safety, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Charleston County EMS, SLED, North Charleston Police, ATF and FBI were all quick to come to our aid. Timely calls from Gov. McMaster and the White House, as well as Sheriff Cannon's presence on the scene, were also greatly appreciated.

“Even more, it was a genuine honor to work side-by-side in the command center with the remarkable men and women of the Charleston Police and Fire Departments. The people of Charleston are lucky to have such highly skilled officers working to keep us safe. They truly are dedicated public servants, and the professionalism and valor they displayed yesterday will not be forgotten.

“Finally, as always, I continue to be inspired by the way our community comes together during and following a tragedy. The love and support I've seen from residents and the local restaurant community to the Whiddon family and everyone at Virginia's demonstrates once again what a special place Charleston is.” —Charleston Mayor John J. Tecklenburg

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