

Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School



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**3 days prior to
the shooting**

February 14, 2018

- Cruz shot 17 people and killed 17 others—total of 34 (14 students and 3 staff) (136 rounds fired)
- Cruz was in Building 12 a total of 6 minutes and 4 seconds
- Cruz shot/killed 23 on the first floor within 1 minute and 44 seconds
- Cruz shot Coach Feis as he tried to enter the building – 3 seconds
- Nobody shot on second floor—41 seconds
- Cruz shot/killed 10 on the third floor in 1 minute and 5 seconds
- Spent 2 minutes on third floor trying to set up sniper position

Background: K-12 Active Assailant Incidents



K-12 Targeted Attacks 1998 - 2018

- No profile of the next attacker
- 46 attacks in the last 20 years
- Details of prior attacks help inform best practices to prevent/mitigate harm
- 43 of the 46 were “insiders” (current/former students)
- Ages ranged from 11 to 56; 34 attackers were 14 – 19 years old
- Most involved handguns
- Most attacks ended in under 4 minutes
- School personnel, not LEO, were most frequently responsible for stopping attacks.

Background: Nikolas Cruz



K-12 Targeted Attacks 1998 - 2018

- The USSS has coined the term “leakage” and it refers to information leaking out about the shooter and his plan, or suspected plan to engage in the violent act.
- USSS: In 81% of the prior K-12 attacks, someone had prior knowledge of the attacker’s plan. Friends/classmates more commonly than family.
- The key is getting people to report what they know, and then not having system failures so that when information is reported it is acted on.

Nikolas Cruz

History with local law enforcement

- 21 contacts with Broward SO, mostly minor needing no follow-up
- Two “warnings” to BSO which were not properly handled; deputies were disciplined following the shooting:
 - February 05, 2016: Family friend reported Instagram post by Cruz with a gun stating “I am going to get this gun when I turn 18 and shoot up the school.”
 - November 30, 2017: Family friend reported Cruz as “Columbine in the making” and a threat to himself.

Nikolas Cruz

History with FBI

- September 25, 2017:
 - Post on YouTube page of person in Mississippi, “I’m going to be the next school shooter.” Username: “nikolas cruz”
 - Complainant was interviewed; tip closed citing lack of information to ID subject.
- January 05, 2018:
 - Family friend reported detailed information on Cruz, history of disturbing behavior, and contact information for the family with whom Cruz was living in Parkland.
 - Tip was closed as having no value.

Nikolas Cruz

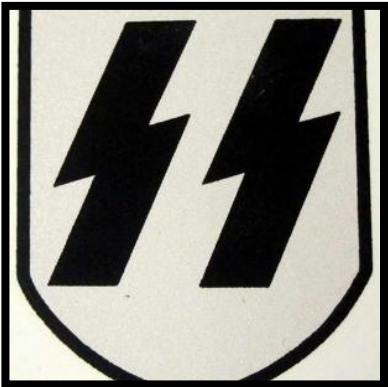
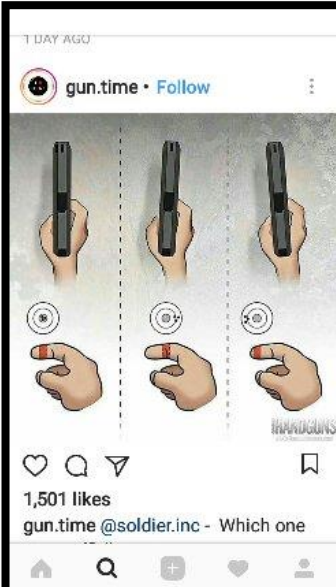
Internet history and cell phone content

- Researched prior school shootings
- Obsessive activity related to guns
- *Homicidal Thoughts and Urges* article
- Dead/tortured animals
- Pornography
- MSDHS schedule
- “How long does it take a cop to show up at a school shooting”
- “shooting people massacre”
- “is killing people easy”
- “rape caught on video”
- “basketball court full of targets still thinking of ways to kill people”
- “I want to kill people but I don't know how I can do it. Walk to a park, get someone to pick me up I just don't know anymore but it will happen soon”



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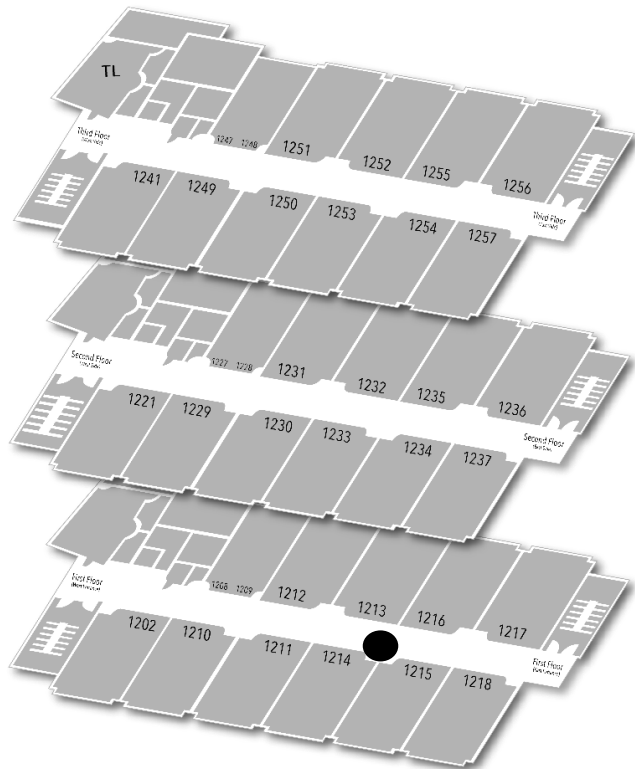


Nikolas Cruz

Persons with prior knowledge

- At least 30 people had knowledge of Cruz's troubling behavior but it was not reported:
 - 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 to hurt or kill people: 11
 - Specific statement to shoot up a school: 3
- 2 students reported Cruz to MSD administration; they failed to act

Cell phone video recorded as Cruz was shooting on the first floor



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Room 1213

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