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## **Survivors Empowered Statement on Court Verdicts in Florida and Connecticut**

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In the space of less than 24 hours, we have heard two court verdicts, and experienced the grief and retraumatization of remembering Parkland, Sandy Hook, and our own tragedy in Aurora just over ten years ago.

Our hearts go out to all our fellow survivors who will ever mourn their loved ones, and the many others marked by each massacre.

We are thankful that the vile lies of Alex Jones were so decisively punished yesterday, with a massive verdict. Today's Florida jury decision will have a coda - on November 1, the court will hear victim statements.

In the meantime, we will be [reaching out](#) to all in grievous and continuing pain.

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Survivors Empowered is an organization founded by Sandy and Lonnie Phillips after the slaughter of their daughter, Jessica Redfield Ghawi and eleven others in the Aurora Colorado Theater Mass Shooting in 2012. Their original non-profit, Jessi's Message, has grown into Survivors Empowered - a national organization created by survivors, for survivors, empowering survivors.