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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement from State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle regarding the Guilty Verdict in the 2nd Degree Murder Trial Of Kadel Piedrahita

The 2019 fatal shooting of bicyclist Alexis Palencia on the Rickenbacker Causeway appalled our entire community and particularly shocked members of Miami-Dade's tight-knit bicycling community. Despite Kadel Piedrahita's claim that he shot in self-defense, the jury decided otherwise. They weighed all the evidence, heard all the testimony, and decided that Piedrahita was indeed guilty of 2nd degree murder. I applaud the talented prosecutorial team of Assistant State Attorneys Arvind Singh and Conor Soper for effectively bringing forth the important case elements that drove Piedrahita to commit this senseless act of violence.

I hope that the family of Alexis Palencia has gained some sense of justice with this verdict knowing that nothing can replace the senseless loss of a loved family member.