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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott released the below statement following the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office's announcement of criminal charges against the individuals who senselessly dragged a shark behind their boat at high speed. This decision is a result of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement's investigation.

Governor Scott said, "I was outraged by the sickening video of a shark being horribly abused earlier this year. Florida has no tolerance for this mistreatment, and I am proud of the hard work of FWC law enforcement during this investigation to hold these individuals accountable for their horrific actions."

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