



Sheriff McFadden Hopeful For Continued Collaborations With ICE Following In-Person Meeting

(Charlotte, N.C.) – After witnessing recent events across the country, including the shooting in Los Angeles involving a TikTok creator and a U.S. Marshal during an immigration enforcement operation, as well as the recent uptown Charlotte pond incident involving Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents attempting to make an arrest near the courthouse, I believe it's more important than ever for all law enforcement agencies to work together to ensure the safety of our citizens and officers.

Recently, I requested a meeting with ICE on Oct. 17, 2025 and for the first time, my staff and I sat down in person with ICE's regional representatives out of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. During the meeting, I provided ICE with documentation outlining the process for ICE detainers, courthouse procedures, and contact numbers. The goal of the meeting was clear: to establish a better working relationship, improve communication, and create a safe and organized process for all enforcement operations within Mecklenburg County. I made it clear that I do not want to stop ICE from doing their job, but I do want them to do it safely, responsibly, and with proper coordination by notifying our agency ahead of time.

I'm proud to say that the meeting was productive. ICE officials followed up shortly after, and on Tuesday night, Oct. 21, one of their officers contacted our courthouse major to inform her of plans to arrest two individuals the following morning. Our staff provided directions and access to ensure the arrests could take place safely and efficiently. The operation went smoothly and was well-coordinated, incident-free, and demonstrated exactly the kind of partnership we've been requesting for years.

This is the kind of collaboration we want to continue moving forward. Because at the end of the day, the safety and security of our staff, law enforcement partners, and the people of Mecklenburg County will always remain our top priority.