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### **Mecklenburg County Detention Center Central Awarded National Accreditation for a 7<sup>th</sup> Time**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)**—On February 23, 2021 during the American Correctional Association 2020-2021 Virtual Panel Hearings, the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections awarded the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) accreditation status for the operation of their detention/rehabilitation facilities. The primary purpose of accreditation is to ensure compliance with national correctional standards. MCDCC received an overall score of 99% compliance.

This is the highest reaccreditation score that has been obtained by the agency thus far and the first time Sheriff Garry L. McFadden has received the certificate for reaccreditation.

“The men and women of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office are dedicated professionals committed to providing our citizens the highest degree of service. I am honored to lead this organization into a new era where we are nationally recognized and serve as a model of how a Sheriff’s Office serves its community,” said Sheriff Garry L. McFadden.

This accreditation program is a professional peer review process based on national standards that have evolved since the founding of the American Correctional Association in 1870. In presenting the award, Thomas Stickrath, Chairperson of the CAC, and Tony Parker, President of the ACA, complimented MCDCC on the professional level of operation and success in completing the accreditation process. The agency is one of over 1,300 correctional organizations currently involved in accreditation around the world.

The three-year accreditation award was first granted to MCDCC in January 2003. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will continue to improve any deficiencies identified during the audit and maintain continuous compliance with the expected practices.

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