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### Juveniles Test Negative for COVID-19 after Potential Exposure at Detention Center

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** On Thursday, January 21, 2021, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office was notified that a staff member at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center tested positive for the coronavirus.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, under MCSO protocol, 41 juveniles housed at Detention Center-North were tested and placed in respiratory isolation due to potential exposure. All test results were negative, and juveniles were placed in respiratory quarantine.

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 33 juveniles housed at Detention Center-North were retested, all results were negative; under MCSO protocol all juveniles will remain in respiratory quarantine until the end of the 14-day quarantine period.

"I am dedicated to ensuring the safety of juveniles in our care. We will continue to work diligently to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in our detention centers," says Sheriff Garry McFadden. "The pandemic shows no signs of slowing down, as Sheriff, I will not slow down in my efforts to protect everyone in our custody."

MCSO continues to follow the CDC guidelines and is working diligently to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the detention centers.

The Mecklenburg County Courthouse is aware of the potential COVID-19 exposure at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center. Any questions regarding juveniles participating in detention hearings should be directed to the court.

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