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### **Mecklenburg County Detention Center Officer Assaulted by Residents**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the assault of a detention officer at Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC). At approximately 12:09 a.m. Monday, November 8, 2021, Officer NaQuan Claire observed several residents playing cards during a housing unit tour and directed them to stop playing cards and return to their cells.

Resident Montico Peoples (PID# 489718) made a verbal threat toward Officer Claire and four other residents began to crowd around him. Officer Claire called for assistance via radio, an unknown resident made another verbal threat, Officer Claire hit one of the residents and a fight ensued. Detention Sergeant A. Middleton and Detention Officer T. Knight responded to the radio call, and the residents dispersed. Officer Claire was transported to the hospital, treated for his injuries, and released.

“Unfortunately, this is a reality our detention officers face during their day-to-day duties; in addition to working with staff shortages and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities. Five MCSO Detention Officers recently attended de-escalation training to help prevent incidents like this from occurring,” said Sheriff McFadden.

All residents involved have been identified and the MCSO Investigative Unit expects to seek criminal charges against the residents responsible for the assault.

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