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## **Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputy Shot During Traffic Stop**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – A Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputy suffered non-life-threatening injuries during a shooting Saturday afternoon. At approximately 4:15 p.m., Deputy Dijon Whyms was conducting a traffic stop on Salome Church Road; upon approaching the vehicle, the suspect, Aidan Bryant, fired multiple shots, striking Deputy Whyms.

Deputy Whyms returned fire, injuring the suspect. Both Deputy Whyms and Bryant were transported to Atrium Health Main where the suspect is in custody. Deputy Whyms is in stable condition. He has been employed with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office since 2002.

Sheriff Garry L. McFadden said, "having been in this situation many times in my past career, it is more difficult to process as a leader. I am grateful for MEDIC, Charlotte Fire Department, CMPD, North Carolina Highway Patrol, Atrium Security and especially grateful for Officer Topper who administered a tourniquet to Deputy Whyms. It gave me great comfort seeing my brothers uniting to support the sheriff's office during this difficult time. I have spoken to Deputy Whyms and his family and he is in good spirits."

Details surrounding the traffic stop are still developing. The Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department is investigating.

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