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## MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Case Update: In-Custody Death of Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Resident

**(CHARLOTTE, NC - 3/3/22)** -The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has made contact and notified next of kin of the death of 31-year-old Francine Laney (PID# 370777), a resident housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central. Next of kin information has been provided to the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the Medical Examiner's Office.

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**(CHARLOTTE, NC - 3/2/22)** - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the death of a 31-year-old female resident, who was housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (801 E. Fourth Street).

At approximately 6:20 p.m., the resident was found unresponsive in her cell in the detention center infirmary. Requests for the resident's health information may not be disclosed as protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Medical personnel began administering CPR and a nurse called 9-1-1. At approximately 6:36 p.m., Charlotte Fire Department arrived followed by MEDIC. First responders continued CPR, connected an IV and administered an automatic external defibrillator (AED). The resident was pronounced deceased at approximately 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2022.

Sheriff McFadden said, "Words can not express the devastation of losing a resident so soon after the shooting involving one of our deputies and now the emotional trauma on staff. We are deeply saddened to report this death."

The resident was processed into custody at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central on Sunday, January 30, 2022. The resident made no phone calls nor received any legal or professional visits since that date.

Several attempts were made to notify the resident's next-of-kin but they were unsuccessful due to limited contact information provided by the resident during processing. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will not release the resident's name until family is notified. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will conduct a thorough investigation as the medical examiner determines a cause of death.

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