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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Resident at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center Dies from Apparent Suicide**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the death of 47-year-old resident William Rhinesmith (PID #498298 ), who was housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center – Central (801 E. Fourth Street).

Mr. Rhinesmith was found hanging in his cell at approximately 4:54 p.m. After CPR was performed by facility medical staff and EMS, Rhinesmith was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased at approximately 5:58 p.m. Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

"An in-custody death is always difficult for everyone involved; facility staff, medical staff, and emergency responders," said Sheriff McFadden. "We are extremely saddened to report the death of Mr. Rhinesmith and send our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time."

Mr. Rhinesmith has been in custody at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center – Central since Friday, April 15, 2022. There were no signs of foul play and all preliminary reports indicate suicide. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will conduct a thorough investigation as the medical examiner determines the official cause of death.

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