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### MCSO Deputies Recover Drugs, Weapons and Cash during Eviction Three Suspects Arrested and Charged

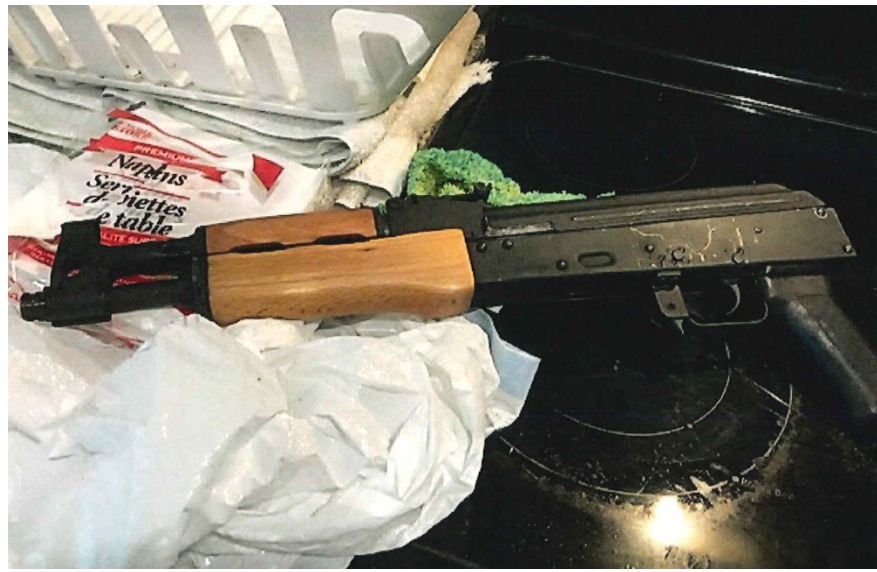
**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – On Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputies arrested three suspects on drug and weapons charges while executing a writ of possession for real property.

At approximately 12:50 p.m., Deputy M.R. Williams, Deputy J. Acosta, and Sergeant J. Warner, knocked on the door of an apartment at 8320 University Executive Park Drive and announced themselves as with the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Williams noticed the peep hole turn dark from a person inside the residence, but no response was given. Deputies knocked and announced themselves again and received no response. Deputies then entered the apartment by means of a master key provided by the assistant community manager. Upon entering the residence Deputies were met by Edward Paasi who stated he was leaving. Deputy Williams and Deputy Acosta began searching the residence for any other occupants. At approximately 1:02 p.m., Deputy Williams observed several large-sealed bags of a green leafy substance. At this time, Deputy Acosta found two additional residents, Steve Unga and Moses Ahomana, and all three were detained pending further investigation.

Deputy Williams continued to search the residence and discovered several bundles of cash totaling \$70,572.00, sealing bags, a vacuum bag sealer, bags containing marking designed for apparent redistribution, bottles of codeine medication which appeared to be empty but contained residue, a computer, four mobile devices, and two weighing machines. Deputy Acosta also located two pistols, a Ruger 528, and a Taurus G3, as well as two rifles, an Anderson 556, and an AK.

"This is an example of the dangers our deputies face each day. I remain proud of the vigilance and professionalism showed by our Civil Judgement Unit in keeping each other safe, apprehending the suspects and removing these drugs and weapons from the community," said Sheriff Garry L. McFadden.

At approximately 1:55 p.m., all three suspects were arrested and transported to the Mecklenburg County Detention Center.





Moses Ahomana



Steve Unga



Edward Paasi