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Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Terminates Detention Officer

(CHARLOTTE, NC)-Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) announced today that former Detention Officer Ellis Chambers was issued a criminal summons for simple assault. Ellis Chambers' employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office began June 3, 2020 and he was terminated this afternoon July 9, 2021.

Chambers was served a criminal summons this afternoon stemming from an incident inside the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) on May 23, 2021, during which Chambers was involved in a physical altercation with 29-year old James McIlwaine (PID# 349676), a resident housed at the MCDCC. McIlwaine has also been issued a criminal summons for simple assault.

"I am deeply disappointed in the conduct of Officer Chambers. A criminal investigation was initiated by the MCSO Criminal Investigations Unit. MCSO found that Officer Chambers' actions were not in keeping with MCSO training and policy and were in fact, criminal in nature. All employees of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office are required to demonstrate professional and ethical conduct," said Sheriff McFadden.

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