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COVID-19 Vaccine offered to Mecklenburg County Detention Center Residents

(CHARLOTTE, NC)-The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of Mecklenburg County Public Health and our contract healthcare provider Wellpath, Inc. administered the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine to residents at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) this week.

Distribution began on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, 2021. Residents were surveyed two weeks prior to the distribution to determine who was interested in receiving the vaccine. Each resident, regardless of their interest to be vaccinated, received an education sheet about the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine and a consent form. Spanish interpreters were also made available for Spanish-speaking residents in the detention center.

Among approximately 1,400 inmates at MCDCC, 235 were vaccinated Wednesday and 196 were vaccinated Thursday. Wellpath, Inc. nurses administered the vaccines within the resident housing units.

"As I've stated before, the focus on the health and wellness of everyone under our care is very important to me," said Sheriff Garry L. McFadden. "Being able to provide our residents a vaccine is just a small portion of the overall care we will continue to provide our residents who will hopefully return to a better community."

Since March of 2020 to date, 465 residents at MCDCC have tested positive for COVID-19. No resident deaths have been attributed to the virus.

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