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## MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## MCSO Provides Security for Grassroots Organization Assisting the Homeless

(CHARLOTTE, NC) —On Thursday, February 18, 2021, members of the grassroots organization Block Love Charlotte contacted the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance and security during the arrival of individuals from the North End Encampment. Those who live at the encampment were ordered to vacate the property by Friday, February 19, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Block Love Charlotte each Tuesday and Thursday to help feed the homeless. Due to this ongoing partnership, MCSO deputies fulfilled the request, providing security for organization members while they assist individuals with meals and checking in to a local hotel.

Sheriff McFadden says, "I believe we have an opportunity to engage with these individuals and a chance to provide COVID-19 testing/screening, basic healthcare needs, behavioral health assessments, housing placement, veterans affairs assistance, reconnect them with families, basic social service needs, and counseling. What happens after the abatement order expires in 90 days?"

Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Deputies will continue to provide security for Block Love Charlotte members through the weekend as they assist our homeless community.

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