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Sheriff Garry McFadden Along with Attorney General Josh Stein, State Leaders to Discuss Efforts to Combat Fentanyl Crisis

WHO: Attorney General Josh Stein

Debbie Dalton, Founder of Hunter Dalton Foundation

Spencer Merriweather, Mecklenburg County District Attorney

US Attorney Dena King, Western District of North Carolina

Sheriff Garry McFadden, Mecklenburg County Sheriff

Chief Johnny Jennings/representative, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police
Department

WHAT: Press Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27th

10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mecklenburg County Detention Center Lobby, Mecklenburg County
Sheriff's Office – 801 E 4th St. Charlotte, NC 28202



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(Charlotte, N.C.) – Sheriff Garry McFadden and other local leaders will address the pressing issue of the fentanyl epidemic gripping our community at an upcoming press conference hosted by Attorney General Josh Stein, slated for Wednesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the lobby of the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central. The event will shed light on the sheriff's proactive strategies to mitigate the rise in fentanyl-related deaths.

Sheriff McFadden has taken decisive action to confront this issue head-on, implementing measures aimed at preventing further devastation due to fentanyl. During the press conference, the sheriff will touch on the agency's successful administration of Narcan, which has saved more than two dozen lives this past year. Through training initiatives, more than 250 staff members have learned to administer Narcan. In November of 2023, the Arrest Processing Center lobby received a Narcan vending machine, which anyone can access. Additionally, Sheriff McFadden will highlight the installation of 39 Narcan alarm boxes that are placed in resident pods.

In the spring, MCSO has plans to partner with Victoria's Voice Foundation to bring VITAL SIGNS to the agency. This initiative empowers parents with the tools to identify and address the early signs of behavioral health issues and substance use in their children.

"We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis with the surge in fentanyl-related deaths," Sheriff McFadden said. "We've worked diligently to get Narcan readily available before even having these discussions. We will continue to look for funding to deploy innovative solutions, like the Narcan alarm boxes."

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