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The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Announces New Chief Deputy

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is pleased to announce that Ricky Robbins will be joining the agency's executive leadership team as Chief Deputy effective April 1, 2026.

Chief Deputy Robbins will support Sheriff Garry L. McFadden in the overall management and strategic direction of the Sheriff's Office. His primary responsibilities include overseeing the Courts Division and the Field Operations Division, which serve Mecklenburg County citizens and the judicial system.

Chief Deputy Robbins brings over 40 years of law enforcement experience to his new role at MCSO. He began his career with the Charlotte Police Department, now Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and served in a variety of assignments, including patrol, SWAT, crash investigations and homicide investigations. Throughout his career, he also witnessed and contributed to the growth and evolution of law enforcement in our community.

Chief of Staff Valerie M. Fields shared, *"We are excited to welcome Mr. Robbins to our executive leadership team as our new Chief Deputy. His leadership, professionalism and commitment to collaboration will be invaluable as we continue strengthening our operations and service to the community."*

"We are proud to welcome Mr. Robbins as our new Chief Deputy", said Chief of Detention Celeste D. Youngblood. *"Mr. Robbins brings a strong record of leadership, professionalism and dedication to public service. I am confident he will be a great addition to our agency as he continues to serve our community."*

Sheriff Garry L. McFadden added, *"Mr. Robbins' experience and vision align with our mission to promote safety, accountability and trust across Mecklenburg County. As Chief Deputy, he will play a key role in advancing our priorities and supporting the dedicated men and women of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office."*

MCSO looks forward to welcoming Chief Deputy Robbins and working together to further enhance public safety, transparency, and community partnerships throughout Mecklenburg County.

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