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### **Sheriff Garry McFadden Assists with the Launch of IGNITE in Montgomery County, Alabama**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – Sheriff Garry McFadden is committed to operating detention facilities in a safe, progressive, and humane manner. This commitment led the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to become the third agency in the country to launch IGNITE (Inmate Growth Naturally Intentionally Through Education), also known as (R)IGNITE at MCSO.

As the Chairman of the IGNITE program for the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), Sheriff McFadden visited Montgomery County, Alabama to assist Sheriff Derrick Cunningham with their launch. The program offers a more structured environment within general housing units, allowing incarcerated individuals to better utilize their time and creates a safer environment for all. Ultimately, IGNITE aims to increase the percentage of released individuals who return to the community with hope, skills, and the determination to succeed.

Sheriff McFadden said, "I am excited about the impact IGNITE has on those incarcerated and the surrounding communities. I recognized the potential of IGNITE when Sheriff Chris Swanson of Genesee County, Michigan first approached me with the initiative. I have successfully implemented the only (R)IGNITE program in North and South Carolina. In my role as NSA IGNITE Chairman, I remain committed to promoting the program's national importance by facilitating its launch across agencies nationwide."

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