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### **Sheriff Garry McFadden Speaks at 2024 Rehabilitation and Reentry Conference in Raleigh, Highlights Innovative Programs at Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central**

(RALEIGH, N.C.) – Earlier this week, Sheriff Garry McFadden addressed attendees at the annual 2024 Rehabilitation and Reentry Conference, hosted by the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections (NCDAC) in Raleigh. This prestigious event, which convenes stakeholders from across the state, focuses on providing critical reentry information, sharing best practices and advocating for systemic reform in the realm of rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders.

According to the NCDAC, roughly 95 percent of people in prison will eventually return to their communities. That's why Governor Roy Cooper recently established the NC Joint Reentry Council and declared April as Second Chance Month in North Carolina.

Sheriff McFadden, known for his strong commitment to reducing recidivism and fostering positive outcomes for residents returning to society, shared his efforts aimed at equipping incarcerated people with the tools and resources they need through programs, such as Barber School, Next Great 50, IGNITE, career fairs, Post Release Employment, to name a few. After Sheriff McFadden delivered remarks regarding the success of The Next Great 50, the founder, Josh Proby, received phone calls by the NCDAC and Joe Gibbs Racing, a major supporter of offender rehabilitation programs.

On Friday, April 26 at 1 p.m., MCSO will hold a graduation ceremony for the next class of the Next Great 50 program at the Detention Center - Central. Members from the NCDAC and Joe Gibbs Racing plan to attend this event.

*“As an American Correctional Association Board of Governor’s representative for Detention, I am thankful that NCDAC created a space for my voice to be heard. I proudly commend the NCDAC Rehabilitation and Reentry Division for its dedication to provide people in state correctional facilities with medical care, education, apprenticeships and substance abuse rehab,” Sheriff McFadden said. “Without these services, we can’t change mindsets. We can’t change behaviors, and we can’t change lives.”*

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