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## United States Department of Labor Visits the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office

**(Charlotte, N.C.)** On Tuesday, September 24, Sheriff Garry McFadden welcomed Julie A. Su, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, and her staff to the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

During the visit, Sheriff McFadden showcased the programs available to residents of the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC), designed to equip them with essential skills for life postincarceration. These programs align closely with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor's Good Jobs Principles, ensuring participants acquire the training and qualifications necessary to thrive in the workforce.

MCSO's programs provide residents with opportunities to enhance their job readiness, earn certifications, and even explore entrepreneurial ventures. With the support of community partnerships, residents can tap into valuable resources that empower them to build a brighter future.

"I am incredibly proud of my staff for their dedication to preparing our residents for the workforce," said Sheriff McFadden. "It was an honor to have Acting Secretary Su witness firsthand the impactful work we are doing here at MCSO. I appreciate that this was not just a photo opportunity – Acting Secretary Su and her staff were fully engaged in understanding how we are transforming lives. Our mission is to ensure that the individuals returning to our communities are ready for success, and that includes equipping them with the education and skills to support themselves and their families. Through our programs, we are not only strengthening communities but also giving our residents the tools, they need to rebuild their lives after release. This will not be the last conversation we have with the Department of Labor –we are keeping the lines of communication open to achieve even greater things in the future."