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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Clarifies Custody Status of Fugitive Linked to Maryland Homicide Case

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is providing the following information regarding the recent release of Charles Boatwright (PID: 519493), who was being held in the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) as a fugitive in connection with a homicide case out of Baltimore, MD.

Mr. Boatwright was taken into custody in July 2025 after being charged as a fugitive from Maryland. While he was a resident of MCDCC, MCSO contacted the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) and advised that a Governor's Warrant would be required to extradite Mr. Boatwright. BPD confirmed that the Governor's Warrant would be in progress.

MCSO can lawfully hold a fugitive for 90 days before a Governor's Warrant is issued. We can hold that individual for up to 30 additional days after the Governor's Warrant has been received. Despite repeated efforts to confirm receipt of the required documentation, no Governor's Warrant was received from Maryland within the legal period.

On October 8, 2025, Mr. Boatwright's fugitive charge was dismissed, and he was released from custody. MCSO does not determine who is and is not released from the detention center, and at the time of his release, MCSO had no legal basis to continue detaining Mr. Boatwright.

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