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### Sheriff McFadden Announces Leadership Changes at Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office

**(Charlotte, N.C.)** – As Sheriff Garry McFadden approaches the midpoint of his second term leading the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), he is making key changes to the agency's executive staff to strengthen MCSO's ongoing commitment to service, accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement. In addition, these changes are essential for the sheriff to successfully uphold public safety and trust.

Sheriff McFadden is pleased to announce the following appointments, effective immediately:

- Christopher Allen has been appointed as Interim Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Allen joined MCSO from the Union County Sheriff's Office earlier this year and has served as Chief of Staff. With more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, he brings a wealth of knowledge to this interim role.
- Shelby Jones is now MCSO's Chief of Staff. Jones was the Sheriff's first hire upon taking office in 2018, serving as his Executive Assistant since that time. With a deep understanding of the sheriff's office and her commitment to its mission, Jones is ready to tackle her new duties.
- Shanta Williams will serve as Interim Director of Human Resources while the agency conducts a search for a permanent HR Director. Williams, who has been with MCSO for almost 25 years, began as a Fiscal Analyst in Business Management and most recently served as an HR Consultant.

- Andrey Melkonyan has been promoted to Director of Business Operations. Melkonyan, who was hired in 2008, has previously served as Accounting Supervisor. The sheriff has no qualms regarding Melkonyan's ability to oversee MCSO's financial processes.

"I am confident these leadership changes will bring the vision, integrity, and experience that's needed to help the agency move forward," Sheriff McFadden said. "MCSO is poised to make significant strides for the future of our agency and the communities we serve. This is the beginning of a new chapter we will all work together to write."

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