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## **Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Terminates Detention Officer**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) announced today that Detention Officer Marc Antoine was issued warrants for arrest for providing contraband to an inmate. Mr. Antoine's employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office began April 21, 2021 and he was terminated this evening January 12, 2022.

MCSO opened an investigation into allegations against Officer Antoine and found that his actions were a violation of North Carolina General Statutes § 14-258.1 furnishing poison, controlled substances, deadly weapons, cartridges, ammunition or alcoholic beverages to inmates of charitable, mental or penal institutions or local confinement facilities; furnishing tobacco products including vapor products; or furnishing mobile phones to inmates or delinquent juveniles.

"I am extremely disappointed in the actions and conduct of this officer. Over the past several weeks we have taken great measures, including forming a new specialized Tactical Response Unit (TRU), to maintain safety and security at the detention center and to respond to the needs of our staff only to discover many of our efforts may have been compromised. I am still proud of the dedicated men and woman who continue to stand firm on the Oath they took to become a detention officer," said Sheriff McFadden.

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