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In-Custody Death of Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Resident

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is currently investigating the death of 42-year-old male resident, Jason Hicks (PID 273824), who was housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (801 E. Fourth Street).

On Friday, December 26, 2025, at approximately 4:37 am, a medical emergency was called by a detention officer in the housing unit where Mr. Hicks was assigned. After being evaluated by our medical provider, it was determined that Mr. Hicks required further medical care. At approximately 4:49 am, Mecklenburg EMS (MEDIC) arrived and transported Mr. Hicks to Atrium Health Main, where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 8:27 am.

Requests for Mr. Hicks' health information may not be disclosed as it is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Sheriff McFadden: *"I have the unfortunate duty of sharing the passing of Mr. Jason Hicks, who was in our custody. Any loss is heartbreaking, and it can feel even heavier during the holidays. His next of kin has been notified, and we extend our condolences to his family and loved ones, with hopes they find comfort in the memories they shared with him."*

Jason Hicks was processed into custody at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central on December 19, 2025. MCSO is cooperating with The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) as they conduct a thorough in-custody death investigation, and the medical examiner determines the cause of death. The investigation remains ongoing, and additional details will be shared as they become available.

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