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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 51-year-old male resident, Anthony Walton (PID 309374), who was housed at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (801 E. Fourth Street).

On Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at approximately 9:30 pm, a medical emergency was called by a detention officer in the housing unit where Mr. Walton was assigned after he was discovered to be unresponsive. Detention personnel promptly started resuscitation efforts and continued until emergency medical personnel arrived. At approximately 9:40 pm, the Charlotte Fire Department and Mecklenburg EMS (MEDIC) arrived and transported Mr. Walton to Atrium Main where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 10:17 pm.

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

"Announcing the death of a resident in our care is always a challenging duty. The entire staff at MCSO has been affected by the death of Mr. Anthony Walton, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones," said Sheriff McFadden.

Anthony Walton was processed into custody at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will also conduct a thorough in-custody death investigation as the medical examiner determines the cause of death.

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