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## Mecklenburg County Detention Center Central to Resume Face-to-Face Visitation

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – Due to the decreasing case counts of COVID-19 in the general community and within the detention facility, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will resume face-to-face visitation at Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) on Monday, March 21, 2022.

The decision to resume face-to-face visitation comes with careful consideration, planning, and guidance from our healthcare provider Wellpath Inc and Mecklenburg County Public Health. Face-to-face visits are no contact with a plexiglass partition. Visitors and residents will be required to wear masks while inside the detention facility.

"This is an opportunity to reunite families safely and hopefully decrease the stress and anxiety levels of the residents and staff inside the facility," said Sheriff Garry L. McFadden. "The pandemic has been a strain, but our nationally recognized protocols helped to decrease exposure and cases to a point that we can begin opening visitation again. During my campaign for Sheriff in 2018, face-to-face visitation was one of three promises I made to the community, and I delivered. I recognized the need for humanity then as I do now for both staff and residents. I look forward to seeing these reconnections."

All visits must be scheduled at least one day in advance. Visitation, scheduling and guidelines can be found online at <a href="https://www.mecksheriff.com">www.mecksheriff.com</a> by clicking on the <a href="https://www.mecksheriff.com">Detention Information</a> tab.