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Mecklenburg County Detention Center Implements Meal for Eid al-Adha

(CHARLOTTE, NC)-For the first time in the history of the Mecklenburg County Detention Center Central (MCDCC), Muslim residents at the facility were served a lunch meal in celebration of the Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha. This is a celebration held in the Musilim community to mark one of their five pillars.

Detention staff coordinated with the facility's meal provider Aramark to ensure the meal could be provided at no additional cost. Information about Eid al-Adha was placed inside POD units at MCDCC to educate residents about the holiday and the celebratory feast. The meal consisted of baked chicken, gravy, rice, salad, cornbread, fresh fruit, a cookie and drink.

Sheriff McFadden says, "This is an opportunity to embrace and learn all religions. My relationship with the Muslim community has always been strong and as Sheriff, I want to continue to foster that relationship in any way that I can."