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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Announces a Positive Test for COVID-19 of a Detention Officer

(CHARLOTTE, NC) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has been notified that a Detention Officer has tested positive for COVID-19 after getting tested for the virus this weekend. MCSO has taken a great deal of precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and residents while preparing for the possibility of this incident since the beginning of the pandemic. The officer reported to Detention Center-Central on Friday, April 3 and was screened before proceeding to their shift. During screening the officer exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 and was advised by medical staff to return home and seek testing.

Sheriff McFadden says; "We are very thankful the screening process has worked and averted a potential exposure from entering our facility. We will continue to make adjustments to do whatever we can to slow the spread of this virus. I wish the employee a speedy recovery and return to work."

Both the Mecklenburg County Health Department and MCSO are investigating to identify, notify and quarantine those who were in close contact with the infected officer. This is the first case of an MCSO staff member or contractor at our main Detention Center-Central. There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our detention population.

MCSO continues to follow the CDC guidelines and is doing its best to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the detention centers.