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### **Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Terminates Detention Officer**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry L. McFadden has announced today that former Detention Officer Chandler Craig has been arrested and charged with simple assault stemming from an incident on September 13, 2021 in which Craig assaulted a resident while working in a resident housing unit inside Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central.

The incident began as a verbal dispute with the resident who was handcuffed and escalated to physical force initiated by Craig that was outside of MCSO's policies, procedures, and training regarding an appropriate application of force. Craig submitted a written report regarding her application of force but failed to disclose sufficient details of the incident which were clearly captured on detention center security video.

Chandler Craig's employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office began on December 9, 2015 and she was terminated by Sheriff McFadden today, September 22, 2021.

"I personally review all use of force reports submitted from detention staff and after reading the report regarding this incident, the MCSO Criminal Investigations Unit was notified. The type of conduct displayed by Officer Craig is not a representation of this agency and will not be tolerated. While I understand the dangers of working in a detention facility, I also understand the importance of ensuring the safety of all MCSO staff as well as residents housed inside our detention facilities. It is never an easy decision to terminate a staff member but it is necessary to maintain a high standard of professionalism and ethical conduct at MCSO," said Sheriff McFadden.

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