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Mecklenburg County Detention Center Officers and Sergeant Attacked by Resident

(CHARLOTTE, NC)- On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, three Detention Officers and a Sergeant suffered injuries during an incident with 24-year old Dequan Timmons (PID# 469227), a resident housed at Detention Center – Central.

At approximately 7:21 a.m., a POD Officer ordered residents to lock down, but Timmons refused. The POD Officer called for assistance, a Sergeant and two other Detention Officers responded. The Sergeant again asked Timmons to lock down, but he refused. The Sergeant then advised Timmons if he didn't lock down, he would be sent to the Disciplinary Detention Unit. At that time, the resident removed his hands from his pants holding a sharp object, lunged toward the officers and a struggle ensued. The officers and sergeant were able to subdue Timmons, handcuff him, remove him from the POD and take him to the Disciplinary Detention Unit.

All staff members involved in the incident received medical treatment. Officer Imani Pearson-Perry suffered a cut to the head and was not cleared to return to work Tuesday. Sergeant Lashaunda McLeod suffered a wrist injury while trying to remove the object from the resident's hand. Officer Keon Farley and Officer Jeffrey Fowler were cleared to return to full duty.

Sheriff Garry L. McFadden says, "unfortunately, this is part of the struggle we have faced in the past year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Tensions are high and staff shortages are taking a toll. Detention Center staff are stepping up in every way they can to ensure the safety of fellow employees and residents."

The Investigative Unit has initiated charges for resident Timmons.