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COVID-19 Cases at Detention Center Continue to Decrease Due to Widespread Testing

(CHARLOTTE, NC)- The number of residents at Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC) with active cases of COVID-19 continues to decrease compared to the number of cases reported during the initial outbreak. There are currently **three** residents in custody with COVID-19. The number of residents under Respiratory Isolation or Respiratory Quarantine has also decreased to 6 and 22 respectively.

There are currently **two** juveniles in custody at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center with COVID-19. Both are in Respiratory Quarantine and were not a part of the group potentially exposed to the coronavirus on January 21, 2021.

Since March 2020, more than 5,000 COVID-19 tests have been administered to residents and more than 850 staff members have been tested on-site. Only one resident diagnosed with COVID-19 was hospitalized due to underlying medical conditions.

In consultation with our medical director, Sheriff McFadden provides updates twice a week to city and county leaders as well as county health providers on the status of COVID-19 in the facilities. "During the nation's highest levels and peaks of COVID-19, cases in our detention centers remained low," said Sheriff McFadden. "I applaud the dedication and management of our medical team and detention officers who have worked tirelessly to prevent the spread and introduction of the coronavirus in our facilities."

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