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Sheriff McFadden Releases Statement on the One Year Anniversary of George Floyd's Death

One year after the death of George Floyd, while in police custody, there is still much work to be done in law enforcement. I have said time and time again, as Sheriff, I believe policing is a noble profession. I also know that not all individuals feel equally protected.

As Sheriff I will continue to allow my voice to be heard in spaces and places where others cry out for justice and true criminal justice reform. If that means marching again in uniform as I did this past year, I will march. If that means standing with a mask on at a podium displaying the minutes and seconds of a man's last breath, I will stand.

At the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, we believe in the sanctity of life and treating everyone no matter, race, socioeconomic status, religion, or lifestyle with dignity and respect. We have a moral responsibility to protect people in our community and custody from harm.

The tragedy that occurred one year ago today in Minneapolis undoubtedly shifted the way many law enforcement agencies now operate. On June 1, 2020, I drafted a Duty to Intervene Policy. It is the policy of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's office that all MCSO employees recognize and act to intervene to prevent or stop other MCSO employee(s) from conducting any act that is unethical or that violates the law or Sheriff's Office Policy.

As a Black Man in America I have experienced the hate and racism that dwells deeply in the fabric of our

nation. For me, this will never be an anniversary, but instead a reminder. A reminder of the work I must continue to do, but now more than ever as a leader and a Black Man in America.

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