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### **MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **In-Custody Death of Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Resident**

(CHARLOTTE, NC) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office sent out a press release on July 12<sup>th</sup> notifying the community about the death of 51-year old Michael Daniel Mangan (PID # 484192), a resident housed at Detention Center – Central (801 E. Fourth Street). Sheriff McFadden thought it prudent in lieu of the recent protest and misinformation circulating on social media to provide an additional release to provide more context around the unfortunate death of Mangan. MCSO is limited in the details that can be shared due to multiple ongoing investigations into Mangan's death.

What we do know thus far is that Mangan was observed alive and received a breakfast meal at 5:02 AM. At 5:30 AM medical staff entered the housing unit the conduct scheduled temperature checks and at approximately 5:38 AM Mangan was found unresponsive in his cell. The officer assigned to housing unit promptly initiated the appropriate emergency procedures. CPR was performed by staff and first responders and Mangan was pronounced deceased at approximately 6:23 AM on the morning of July 12<sup>th</sup>.

MCSO operates fully accredited detention centers and takes the care of our resident population very seriously. To ensure transparency during any resident death there are several things that take place after anyone expires in our detention center. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) conducts an investigation looking for criminality or foul play, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR) - Construction Section Jails and Detention Unit also conducts an investigation and there is a comprehensive and thorough internal investigation by our Office of Professional Compliance (OPC) to ensure that our policies and procedures were followed. There is also a comprehensive mortality review from our contracted healthcare services provider to assess the quality of care and health conditions of the deceased.

People coming into our detention center are disproportionately likely to have chronic health problems, substance abuse issues and mental health challenges. Nonetheless, it's still our goal to provide the best possible care. Mangan was brought into MCDCC on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and did not display any symptoms of COVID-

19. He was not yet placed in general housing as all non-symptomatic residents are placed in Housing Unit Pod 3200 for five days prior to being reassigned. The investigations into Mangan's untimely death will continue and as we await the cause of death from the medical examiner.

"We never want to lose someone on our watch and the loss of Mr. Mangan is no exception. Above all else Mr. Mangan is a human being that lost his life. I take the loss of life personally and I humbly ask that people wait for all the facts to be revealed before rushing to conclusions or making unfounded assertions. As a former homicide detective, I understand the need to be transparent while respecting the wishes of the family." stated Sheriff McFadden.

Sheriff McFadden upon taking office in 2018 made it a point to personally meet with all families that lost a loved one while in the custody of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office. MCSO challenges those who are concerned about the residents in the Mecklenburg County Detention Center to come see and learn exactly what it is that we do behind the walls of a professionally operated detention facility. We have made great strides under Sheriff McFadden's leadership as it pertains to programming and opportunities created for our residents that will be returning to our community. Please take the time to educate yourself before making or providing misleading statements about our detention operation. The detention professionals that work in our facilities are hardworking and committed employees that do their best to provide the best possible care for our resident population.

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