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Death of Juvenile Resident at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center from Apparent Suicide

(CHARLOTTE, NC) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the death of a 17-year old resident housed at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center – (5235 Spector Drive). The juvenile was found unresponsive in his cell at approximately 1:50 PM this afternoon. After CPR was performed by facility medical staff and first responders, the juvenile resident was pronounced deceased at approximately 3:12 PM this afternoon on Saturday, November 21st.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our juveniles as it is particularly difficult to lose a young person to such an unfortunate tragedy. Our staff is grieving, and this is a very emotional time for all involved,” stated Sheriff McFadden, “We extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family and mourn with them during this trying time.”

The juvenile from Rockingham County has been in custody at the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center since November 20, 2020. There were no signs of foul play and all preliminary reports indicate an apparent suicide. The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) will conduct a thorough investigation and the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will continue its cooperation with North Carolina Department of Public Safety Juvenile Justice Bureau.

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