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Mecklenburg County Detention Center Implements New Video-Conferencing Tool

(CHARLOTTE, NC)-The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has implemented a new internet-based conferencing system at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central (MCDCC). JurisLink allows attorneys to conduct secure and confidential video conferences with residents with only an internet connection. JurisLink conferences are not recorded or monitored.

There are two JurisLink kiosks at MCDCC. The kiosks will be used by Federal Defense Attorneys and US Probation Officers (USPO) to conduct pre-sentence interviews virtually. This alleviates the need for lawyers and USPO to sit side by side in a visitation room where they cannot observe social distance guidelines due to COVID-19.

"Currently there are no active COVID-19 cases in our detention center (MCDCC)," said Sheriff Garry L. McFadden, "with this new system in place we can help prevent any possible exposure; while still observing a resident's constitutional right to counsel."

All residents scheduled for JurisLink conferences are escorted to the specified kiosk location for their scheduled time.

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