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### **Sheriff McFadden to Join Congresswoman Alma Adams as guest at SOTU Address; Speak with BJA on Reentry, Mental Health**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Sheriff Garry McFadden has been invited by Congresswoman Alma Adams to attend the State of the Union Address on Thursday, March 7.

This prestigious invitation serves as a recognition of Sheriff McFadden’s outstanding leadership and dedication to serving Mecklenburg County.

In September of 2023, the Biden Administration launched the first-ever Office of Gun Violence Prevention to implement legislative action to reduce gun violence. Sheriff McFadden, along with other sheriffs, have been asked to take the lead, working on proactive approaches to fight gun violence, especially among youth, including access to weapons. This Office has already established plans to provide the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office and other agencies with resources and avenues for funding.

Aligned with her strong support of President Biden on this issue, Dr. Adams looks forward to Sheriff McFadden showcasing his efforts on a national level, in addition to his goals of eradicating fentanyl overdoses and stepping up mental health programs.

“Sheriff Garry McFadden has created a model for the nation to follow in reducing youth violence and forging community partnerships. He builds relationships between police officers and students in schools, creating positive memories and trust between young people and those sworn to protect them,” said Rep. Alma Adams. “His officers come from and look like the community they police. Sheriff McFadden has shown a humane and hopeful way to build long-

term safety, security, and opportunity for the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. I am honored to have him as my guest to celebrate historic reductions in crime under President Biden's exemplary leadership of our country."

"I am honored to be attending the State of the Union as the guest of Congresswoman Dr. Alma Adams," said Sheriff McFadden. "Protecting our community isn't just about enforcing the law; I will use this platform to effectively tackle youth violence, so we can prevent more deaths, better safeguard families and foster trust within our community."

Sheriff McFadden will also be meeting with Bureau of Justice Assistance officials to discuss priorities of the Major County Sheriffs of America, which represents the largest sheriff's offices in the country and more than 130 million citizens.

Together - they will focus on funding for innovative programming for law enforcement, officer wellness concerns, the recruitment and retention of personnel, as well as moving forward with modern practices for reentry programming within correctional facilities.

For Sheriff McFadden, building relationships and collaborating with esteemed law enforcement and corrections organizations are vital to create safer communities by leveraging resources, expertise and support, all which play a role in getting to the root causes of senseless events that plague citizens each and every day.

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