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Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Terminates Detention Officer Trainee

(CHARLOTTE, NC)-Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden has announced today that Detention Officer Trainee Andrew Parrish has been terminated. Mr. Parrish's employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office began today, October 20, 2021.

Mr. Parrish began the application process and passed the initial criminal history screening on June 4, 2021. The hiring process takes several months and includes an extensive background investigation along with medical and psychological screenings. An additional criminal records check is conducted prior to submitting all necessary certification paperwork to the North Carolina Department of Justice Sheriff's Standards Division.

During the secondary criminal records check of Andrew Parrish; MCSO discovered today that a warrant was issued by the South Carolina Department of Corrections Police Services Division on October 7, 2021 for his arrest accusing Parrish of bearing witness to an inmate assault and providing false information while being employed by the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Parrish was employed with the South Carolina Department of Corrections from March 2018 through July 2021 and voluntarily left his position as a correctional officer to relocate to Charlotte, North Carolina. Sheriff McFadden terminated Parrish's employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office after being notified of his criminal charges and subsequent arrest.

"The application and hiring process may be lengthy but as reflected in this case it is necessary. These extensive background screenings and investigations are critical in ensuring MCSO remains a professional and highly skilled agency that upholds the law," said Sheriff McFadden.

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