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No Communication From U.S. Border Patrol on Reported Charlotte Operations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has received several inquiries regarding the United States Border Patrol, also known as U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), departing from the Chicago area and heading to Charlotte, N.C., to conduct operations. However, the MCSO has not been contacted by any CBP representatives regarding any potential operations, nor have we been involved in any planning or conversations.

Sheriff Garry McFadden also spoke directly with Chief Johnny Jennings of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) regarding this matter. CMPD has also not received any formal or informal contact information regarding any operation planning, processing, or procedures by the CBP operating in and around the Charlotte area.

Given the current climate surrounding immigration and the potential for violence associated with law enforcement operations at any level, Sheriff McFadden respectfully requests that any CBP activities taking place within Mecklenburg County be communicated to MCSO and local law enforcement in advance along with any relevant updates or points of contacts. This will help ensure the safety of all parties involved.