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Mecklenburg County Detention Officer Arrested for Bringing Illegal Items to a Detention Center Resident

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) announced today that Detention Officer Tiffieny Blanks was arrested for providing a mobile phone and tobacco products to a resident in the Mecklenburg County Detention Center. Mrs. Blanks employment with MCSO began May 4, 2022, and ended on November 28, 2023.

MCSO opened an investigation after receiving reports alleging that Officer Blanks was smuggling illegal items inside of the Mecklenburg County Detention Center. A review of surveillance footage prompted a search, resulting in the discovery of a mobile phone and vape devices. State law prohibits the furnishing of mobile phones or tobacco products to include vapor products to persons in custody in a local confinement facility and Blanks was charged accordingly.

“Any involvement in unlawful activities within the detention facility is unacceptable. This not only jeopardizes the safety of our hardworking staff, but also comprises the security within our institution. I commend the MCSO staff for their efforts during this investigation,” said Sheriff McFadden.

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