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## MCSO to Assist Department of Public Safety with Housing Juvenile Residents

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – The Mecklenburg County Juvenile Detention Center (MCJDC) in collaboration with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, will begin housing juvenile residents from counties other than Mecklenburg County.

The move is part of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff Office's continued partnership with the Department of Public Safety – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

"I was pleased to call DPS this morning and inform them of this status," said Sheriff McFadden. "We relocated 23 juveniles in December in preparation for the possibility of depopulation at our Central facility. Due to the establishment of the Tactical Response Unit (TRU) and Operation H.E.L.P, it was not necessary to reallocate staff. I know there is a need right now as some juvenile facilities are experiencing overcrowding, and may be forced to close their doors. We have assessed our operations over the past two and a half months and have determined we can begin to assist the state with this effort." Sheriff McFadden adds, "We have received positive feedback from staff members since implementing TRU and Operation H.E.L.P and have had no assaults on staff involving weapons since November."

***Per North Carolina general statute, juvenile information is confidential and is not public information (see G.S. 7B-3000, 3001, 3100)***

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