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Sheriff McFadden's Response to the Consent Order Regarding MCSO Permitting Process

(Charlotte, NC) – “I am very pleased to have resolved the handgun permitting litigation for the grand total of \$7.00 (one dollar per plaintiff), and the promise to continue to abide by all statutorily imposed timeframes for processing permit applications, as frankly that would be my commitment regardless of any litigation. The perfect storm of a global pandemic and a staffing crisis, combined with an unprecedented number of permit applications, presented a significant challenge for our office. I regret that as a result, for a period of time, we were unable to process handgun permits as efficiently as any of us would have liked. I want to again thank the incredible staff of the Permitting and Registration Division for their tremendous efforts during this crisis and for remaining open while many other counties closed their doors. We have been back in compliance with all statutory timeframes since March of this year, and I am confident that we will remain so.”

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