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### Firearms Confiscated at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – Within the last two weeks the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) has encountered three individuals attempting to bring firearms into the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. Each of these incidents were isolated but there was a common theme where these individuals have either forgotten that they were carrying their firearms, or they were unfamiliar with the laws pertaining to having weapons on state property to include courthouses. In each of these incidents the weapons were seized, and citations were issued for violations of North Carolina General Statute §14-269.4 (Weapons on Certain State Property and in Courthouses).

MCSO remains dedicated to ensuring the safety of all persons visiting and working in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. These recent incidents involving individuals attempting to bring firearms into the courthouse highlight the need for awareness and those who frequent the Mecklenburg County Courthouse are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the laws pertaining to the possession and carrying weapons on state property and in courthouses to avoid legal consequences.

MCSO will continue its stringent security screenings at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse to prevent firearms, knives, and other weapons from being brought into the building to ensure that the courthouse remains a safe environment for all.

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