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### **First Confirmed Case of Monkeypox in the Mecklenburg County Detention Center**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has confirmed the first case of monkeypox in the Mecklenburg County Detention Center after a resident was seen during a scheduled health and physical examination performed on all residents detained in the detention center. MCSO implemented a monkeypox protocol in early August in consultation with the contracted healthcare services provider (Wellpath) to align with best practices and CDC guidelines for the high-risk congregate setting of a detention environment.

The isolation protocols have been very effective at mitigating the spread and ensuring the health and well-being of detention center residents. MCSO has also provided clear educational information to detention personnel and residents about monkeypox prevention, and our healthcare services provider continues to test and medically evaluate our resident population who are suspected to have monkeypox.

"We are continually evaluating our protocols and working diligently to keep everyone safe; said Sheriff McFadden. "MCSO will continue to be cautious and deliberate to keep everyone in our custody healthy and safe."

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