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Sheriff Garry L. McFadden Terminates Detention Officer

(CHARLOTTE, NC) – Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry L. McFadden announced today that Detention Officer Darryl Shavers has been charged and arrested on felony assault charges this morning stemming from an incident on August 20th during which Shavers attacked a resident while working in a resident housing unit inside Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central.

What began as a verbal dispute with the resident victim escalated when the victim threw an empty paper cup that struck Shavers. Shavers then initiated physical contact with the victim that is unacceptable under MCSO policies and procedures. Shavers submitted a written report regarding his application of force but failed to disclose sufficient detail depicting the full facts of the incident as it was clearly captured on video.

Darryl Shaver's employment with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office began on June 5, 2019 and he was terminated by Sheriff McFadden today just before his arrest.

"The conduct of Officer Shavers is deeply disappointing. What began as a routine investigation into Officer Shavers' application of force against a resident turned into a criminal investigation initiated by the MCSO Criminal Investigations Unit against the MCSO officer. MCSO found that Officer Shavers' actions were not in keeping with MCSO training and policy and were, in fact, criminal in nature. The dangers of working in a detention facility are certainly not lost on me. However, I have to ensure the safety of not only my officers, but also the residents of our detention facilities, which is why I felt it prudent to act decisively in this case. This kind of officer conduct undermines the professional work being done by the vast majority of the detention professionals at MCSO," said Sheriff McFadden.

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