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### **Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Remains Prepared During the Coronavirus Pandemic to Care for Residents in the Mecklenburg County Detention Centers**

**(CHARLOTTE, NC)** – The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has received several calls over the past few days from family members of those in custody in Mecklenburg County Detention Centers about care and adequate supplies for those in custody.

Mecklenburg County Detention Centers are an integral part of our local criminal justice system and a core responsibility of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office. The quality of the Detention environment not only affects the health and well-being of those who occupy and work in the facility, but we believe that it also influences their behavior. Despite our best efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment, emergencies can arise that take us outside of our normal operations.

As fully accredited Detention Centers we are required to have emergency plans and protocols for containing and controlling emergencies including a pandemic. Part of the planning and preparation for an emergency is to ensure adequate resources, supplies and equipment for our residents in our staff. Sheriff McFadden wants to reassure anyone concerned that our Detention Centers remain amply supplied with paper products, soap, hygiene products, uniforms, bedding, and cleaning supplies during this crisis.

Sheriff McFadden says; "I care deeply for the women and men working in our Detention Centers as well as for our residents in our care. As Sheriff, Detention operations are one of the most important responsibilities of my Office and one I'm adamantly passionate about. Providing good healthcare, programming, and even supplies didn't just start because of the pandemic. The very foundation of my administration has been predicated on taking the best possible care of those in my custody and preparing them for reentry into our community. That will not change even amid this pandemic."

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