

## **Candidate for Mecklenburg County Sheriff – Garry McFadden**

**GARRY L. McFADDEN** is a 58-year-old Democrat running for Sheriff. He is a 37-year veteran of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department where he worked 27 years as a detective and 22 years in the homicide unit.

### **ON 287(g):**

McFadden believes the cooperation between the Mecklenburg Sheriff's Office with federal Immigration and Customs officials breeds distrust and fear between the immigrant communities and law enforcement. He also believes it could potentially make the county vulnerable to lawsuits.

### **ON PRISONER VIDEO VISITS:**

McFadden believes that charging for video visits is unfair and that some families would be unable to afford the additional costs. He is also concerned about the ongoing expenses for technological upgrades and maintenance.

### **ON INMATE SAFETY:**

McFadden believes jail staff must be educated to recognize warning signs and behavioral patterns that could indicate an inmate posed a danger to himself.

### **ON JAIL STAFF SAFETY:**

McFadden does not believe the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department has the resources necessary to ensure jail staff safety and current safety measures need to be evaluated by an outside agency.

### **OTHER ISSUES:**

McFadden lists inclusive community engagement, gun safety classes that address mental health issues, domestic violence, active shooter response classes, violent crime, homicide rate and inmate processing time.

1. **Name:** Garry L McFadden
2. **Age:** 58
3. **Party Affiliation:** Democrat
4. **Political background or other civic engagement endeavors** N/A
5. **What are your qualifications for this office?**
  - 37 year veteran of CMPD 27 as a Detective with 22 years in the Homicide Unit
  - Recognized & Honored by two separated FBI directors
  - Community Services Initiatives recognized by President Obama. One of the most decorated detectives in the history of CMPD
6. **The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's office has cooperated with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents (287(g)) for more than twelve years. Why or why not should that cooperation continue:** The 287(g) does not improve relations between

immigrant communities and law enforcement, in fact it creates distrust and fear. If Mecklenburg County is sued the liability falls on the county tax payer.

**7. What are the advantages and disadvantages of limiting inmate family visits to video visits? What is your stand on such visits?** Charging for visits is unfair and may be unaffordable for some families. I also believe that most tech companies will profit from equipment repair or equip enhancement along with software and ongoing IT support.

**8. What can be done to reduce inmate deaths in county jails? What policies and safeguards are in place in Mecklenburg jails to ensure inmate health?** Better policies and safeguards are needed to ensure inmate mental health. We must also have a well-educated staff to recognize the warning signs and patterns.

**9. Do you believe the Mecklenburg Sheriff's department has sufficient resources to ensure jail staff safety?** No, I do not and have been told that current safety measures need to be reviewed by an outside agency.

**10. What other issues do you believe the County Sheriff should address?**

- More community engagement with Inclusiveness
- Gun safety classes to include mental health
- Domestic Violence
- Active Shooter Response Classes
- Violent Crimes
- Homicide Rate
- Arrest Processing wait time (too long to process arrestees)