

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3308

January 7, 2026

The Honorable Garry McFadden
Sheriff of Mecklenburg County
700 E. 4th Street,
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Sheriff McFadden,

Serving as sheriff is a profound honor—one that demands unwavering commitment to public safety and the rule of law. When public confidence erodes due to serious allegations of misconduct, a leader must step aside.

Recent accusations against you are grave and mounting:

- You allegedly threatened State Representative Carla Cunningham during a call ahead of the vote on House Bill 318, which mandates sheriff cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She claims you warned that county residents would "come after" her for supporting HB 318 and intuited that you would refuse her any protection if she did not oppose the bill.
- Former employees, including former sergeant Marcia Crenshaw Hill (stabbed by an inmate in 2020 and later terminated), allege you fostered dangerous conditions at the detention center.
- Former chief deputy Kevin Canty (who resigned in November 2024) claims you pressured him to recommend unjustified employee terminations.
- Former captain Juan Delgado and former major Bryan Adams raise further concerns about policy violations and workplace favoritism.¹

¹ *Sheriff mcfadden declines comment on removal petition, calls allegations "devastating" | wncn.com.* WCNC Charlotte. (2026, January 6).
<https://www.wncn.com/article/news/politics/garry-mcfadden-response-petition-filed-removal-from-office-mecklenburg-county-sheriff-abuse-allegations/275-82648a6f-6f01-44f6-8366-171901ef73fd>

- Reports also suggest non-cooperation with ICE on deportations and misuse of deputies for personal errands, such as transporting officials to strip clubs.²

North Carolinians deserve a sheriff who prioritizes the law above personal interests. For the sake of public trust, you should take a leave of absence during this investigation or resign immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Congressman Mark Harris (NC-08)

² *State of North Carolina Ex rel. v. Garry McFadden*, ____ (2026). <https://nsjonline.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Petition-to-Remove-Sheriff-McFadden-w.-Verifications-01-05-26-filed.pdf>