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## **VIOLENT OFFENDER SPENDS LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN JAIL AFTER SHOOTING AT POLICE**

[CHARLOTTE, NC, MARCH 23, 2022----] The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #9 is disgusted that a convicted felon is out of jail less than 24-hours after directly shooting at six Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Officers protecting citizens after responding to multiple assault calls for service. On Saturday, March 19, 2022, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department made the following statement:



### **Homicide Detectives Investigate an ADW on Law Enforcement Officer in the Central Division**

**Charlotte, N.C. – (Saturday, March 19, 2022)** – Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Homicide Detectives are conducting an assault with a deadly weapon on a Law Enforcement Officer investigation at the 300 N Brevard Street in the Central Division.

On Saturday, March 19, 2022, shortly before 1:32 a.m., Central Division Officers responded to 225 N Caldwell Street in reference to a physical assault that took place at a nightclub. While investigating this incident, several fights started in an adjacent parking lot located at 300 N. Brevard Street. While Officers were breaking up these fights, a subject, later identified as Tyler Drew, DOB: 03/17/1995, retrieved a rifle. Several shots were fired directly at officers. Fortunately, no officers were struck by gunfire and no officers discharged their firearms. As Officers split up to take cover and address the threat, one of the officers was able to tackle the suspect and take him into custody without further incident.

Mr. Drew was taken to the LEC to be interviewed by Homicide Detectives; at the conclusion of the interview, he was transported to the custody of the Mecklenburg County Sheriffs Office, where he was charged with six counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Law Enforcement Officer and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

The investigation into this case is active and ongoing. As additional information develops, it will be released by the CMPD's Public Affairs Office. An information about this incident is asked to call 704-432-TIPS and speak directly to a Homicide Unit detective. Detective Tisdale is the lead detective at this case. The public can also leave information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 704-334-1600 or <http://charlottecrimestoppers.com/>. For information about this case, please refer to the report: 20220319-0132-01.

The officers involved in this incident are true heroes. Despite taking on “direct” gunfire, officers quickly apprehended the suspect without discharging their firearms, surely having saved countless lives. Some outlets and politicians will tell you police are the problem – yet this event destroys that narrative.

## **NOT ONE SINGLE SHOT FIRED BY POLICE**

The criminal justice system in Mecklenburg County is failing the hardworking citizens who live here and the many more that drive here each day for work and leisure. Tyler James Drew, the man arrested in this incident, bonded

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out of jail less than twenty-four hours after he was arrested. Mr. Drew, being a convicted felon, is not legally able to possess a firearm to begin with, yet his total bond was set at \$67,000. We understand bonds cannot be unreasonably set, but only by the grace of God did no one get struck by reckless gunfire. His actions were intentional and his bond should have been significantly higher.

Our judicial leaders need to be held accountable for these actions; next time, a violent offender like Mr. Drew could kill your loved one.

*Below is information obtained from the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office website:*

DREW, TYLER JAMES					
Arrest #:	PID:	JID:	DOB:	Race/Sex:	Height:
01853660	0000497845	22-004139	3/17/1995	B/M	600"
Address:		Alias:			
ROCK HILL SC 29732					
Status:	Housing:		By:		
STATE INMATE	Not Active				
Committed:		Released:			
3/19/2022 10:55 PM		3/20/2022 1:56 PM			



- Possession of Firearm by Felon – released on \$5000 bond
- Resisting Public Officer – released on \$2,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 1) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 2) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 3) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 4) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 5) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond
- AWDW (Count 6) Governmental Official – released on \$10,000 bond

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*[The FOP is an organization representing law enforcement members with training, leadership, and support for our members. We are a united voice within Charlotte-Mecklenburg working together for better wages, benefits, and working conditions. We also work on legislation that makes our communities safer. It is our mission to further promote the values of the law enforcement profession and work with the community and governmental leaders to make Mecklenburg County a safe place to live, work, and enjoy! If you would like more information or have questions, please email us at pio@ncfoplodge9.com.]*

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