

NEWS RELEASE

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DA Merriweather, staff to attend record number of National Night Out events

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Joining residents who are working to prevent crime in their neighborhoods, District Attorney Spencer B. Merriweather III and his staff will attend the office's record number of National Night Out events across Mecklenburg County this year.

Tonight is National Night Out, an opportunity for communities to come together not only to encourage neighborhood camaraderie but also to build relationships with law enforcement and join forces to put an end to crime. National Night Out is celebrated annually across the United States.

Reaching all four corners of Mecklenbur County, prosecutors and legal assistants will attend 37 events, the most events ever attended by the District Attorney's Office. DA Merriweather plans to personally attend multiple National Night Out events throughout the county. DA Merriweather and his staff will be available to speak with residents about the criminal justice system, their work to seek justice and protect the community, as well as DA Merriweather's strategies and reform efforts.



DA Merriweather shares information with community members at a National Night Out celebration.

Throughout the year, DA Merriweather's prosecutors attend meetings hosted by neighborhood organizations, civic clubs, places of worship and more to speak about their work in the criminal justice system. [Click here](#) to request a speaker from the District Attorney's Office at your upcoming community meeting.

Note: Almost all guilty pleas entered in criminal administrative court are the result of an agreed upon plea arrangement between the State and the defendant, which is then approved by the sentencing judge. For more information about why most cases must be resolved by plea negotiation instead of jury trial, please visit the "Understanding Criminal Court" section of the DA's website at www.charmeckda.com.

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