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Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Launches Partnership with Shapchef Foundation on Re-Entry Workforce Development Grant *Program to provide unique culinary training & career mentoring*

DEDHAM, MA – Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott announced Tuesday that the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is launching an exciting new partnership with the Snapchef Foundation to provide justice involved individuals with expert culinary and employment training and job placement assistance, before they reenter their communities after incarceration. The program will be funded by the Re-Entry Workforce Development Demonstration Program Grant administered by Commonwealth Corporation on behalf of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the Healey-Driscoll Administration.

"This hands-on program adds to our mission to improve the outcomes of individuals in the care and custody of the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office," said Sheriff McDermott. "This training by the Snapchef Foundation will begin inside our facility, providing participants nearing the end of their sentences with valuable skills and a clear pathway to stable employment when they are released, through the support of our recently opened H.O.P.E Center, to help break the cycle of recidivism."

Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones announced the awarding of this remarkable grant at the PAACA Recovery Support Center in New Bedford, MA. Snapchef Foundation is the non-profit branch of Snapchef, a culinary staffing agency.

"We are honored to partner with the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office on this important initiative," said Carley Snopkowski, Executive Director of the Snapchef Foundation. "Our program is not just about teaching culinary skills—it's about empowering participants with the confidence and support they need to successfully reintegrate into their communities and thrive in their new careers. We believe this partnership will have a profound impact on the lives of those we serve and contribute to the long-term success of re-entry efforts in Norfolk County."

The effort will serve the 28 communities of Norfolk County. Participants will enter the workforce ready to become members of the vibrant local culinary scene and the thriving restaurant industry.

About the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office: The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is committed to fundamentally changing the culture of our correctional facility to make re-entry and reintegration the priority of our operations and to reimagine what is possible as a public safety agency. Our four pillars are: Prevention, Intervention, Education, & Hope. Learn about our H.O.P.E. Center at hopecenterma.org

About Snapchef Foundation: Snapchef Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to providing comprehensive workforce development training and support to individuals seeking to build careers in the food service industry. Through innovative programs and partnerships, Snapchef Foundation aims to create sustainable career pathways and improve workforce outcomes for underserved communities. For more information about Snapchef Foundation and its programs, please visit Snapcheffoundation.org.