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**29 Year Old Female Uses Fraudulent Documents  
to Enroll in New Brunswick High School as a Student**

On January 24, 2023, Hyejeong Shin (29 year old female, residing in New Brunswick) was charged with one (1) count of providing a false government document with the intent to verify one's identity or age, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-2.1(c). This charge is a third-degree offense. Specifically, Ms. Shin provided a false birth certificate to the New Brunswick Board of Education with the intent to enroll as a juvenile high-school student.

Pursuant to New Jersey statutes (18a:36-25.1) and guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education, schools are required to immediately enroll unaccompanied children, even in the absence of records normally required for enrollment. Proof of guardianship is not necessary to immediately enroll an unaccompanied child or youth. Although a school district might request documents such as a birth certificate to verify a child's age, a school district may not prevent or discourage a child, including an unaccompanied child, from enrolling in or attending school because he or she lacks a birth certificate or has records that indicate a foreign place of birth, such as a foreign birth certificate.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charge against Hyejeong Shin is merely an accusation and she is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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