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MEDIA CONFERENCE RELEASE

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SHERIFF GREG CHAMPAGNE HOLDS MEDIA CONFERENCE WITH SUPERINTENDENT DR. KEN OERTLING TO DISCUSS ARRESTS OF MOTHER AND DAUGHTER USING FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS TO ENROLL THE ADULT DAUGHTER IN HAHNVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday, May 29, 2023, Detectives were notified by officials with the St. Charles Parish Public Schools of a possible adult attending Hahnville High School in Boutte, LA during the 2022-2023 school year. School Administration received a tip that a female student, who was on record as being 17 years old, was in fact an adult possibly in her mid 20's. School Administration began an internal investigation and later notified the Sheriff's Office of their findings.

Through investigation, Detectives learned Gutierrez-Serrano's mother, Serrano-Alvarado had enrolled her in school using a fraudulent passport and birth certificate.

Detectives applied for and were granted arrest warrants for 46-year-old Marta Elizeth Serrano-Alvarado and her daughter, 28-year-old Martha Jessenia Gutierrez-Serrano. Both were arrested on the morning of Tuesday, June 14, 2023, at their home in the 200 block of South Kinler Street in Boutte, LA. Serrano-Alvarado and Gutierrez-Serrano are both charged with one count each of LA RS 14:132 - Injuring Public Records.

Gutierrez-Serrano enrolled in Hahnville High School on June 18, 2022, and attended all year. Gutierrez-Serrano was not involved in any extracurricular activities, and we are not aware of any disciplinary issues while attending school. She utilized school transportation to and from school. There is no current evidence of any other criminal activity or inappropriate conduct by either Serrano-Alvarado or Gutierrez-Serrano. Gutierrez-Serrano advised investigators she enrolled in school to learn the English language.

This investigation was conducted with the full cooperation of the St. Charles Parish Public School System.

Anyone with any information relating to this investigation is asked to contact Sergeant Allan Tabora with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division at (985) 783-6807, (985) 783-1159, or email atabora@stcharlessheriff.org.