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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrested:** Female Juvenile, Age 17  
Hackettstown, New Jersey

On March 9, 2018, the Hackettstown Township Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit arrested a 17-year-old female Hackettstown resident for providing a false report to law enforcement on March 1, 2018.

In connection with the March 1, 2018 incident, the juvenile is charged with providing a false report to law enforcement, a fourth degree crime. The charge alleges that the juvenile provided false information to the police by telling them that she was abducted, in Hackettstown, by an unknown male and was released a short time later within Hackettstown. A week later, after a significant amount of resources were expended during this investigation, it was determined that the allegation about the abduction was false.

Upon her arrest, the juvenile was released to her family pending further Court proceedings.

On the fourth degree crime, the juvenile is exposed to 12 months incarceration at a State Juvenile Facility.

A juvenile charged with an act of juvenile delinquency is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Approved by:

  
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