

Based on the provided analysis and passport details, Shukman most likely obtained the "Christopher Morton" passport through a fraudulent application to HM Passport Office (HMP0) using doctored supporting documentation, rather than a legitimate name change or state-authorized process.

#### MOST PROBABLE METHOD

##### Primary Route: Doctored Birth Certificate and Fraudulent Application

- Acquired a copy of his genuine 1992 birth certificate.
- Altered the document to reflect the name "Christopher Charles Morton" and adjusted the date of birth from May 1992 to April 20, 1992.
- Submitted the falsified birth certificate along with fabricated "proof of use" documents (e.g., utility bill or council tax letter) to HMP0.
- Applied for and received the passport in February 2023, leveraging the technically accurate ICAO-compliant MRZ to pass initial scrutiny.

#### SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- The 1992 birth certificate's lack of advanced security features (e.g., watermarks, microtext) makes it vulnerable to alteration.
- The passport's MRZ checksums align with ICAO 9303 standards, suggesting HMP0 issuance, but the personal details (name, DOB, birthplace "Ploughley") are inconsistent with known records.
- Shukman's admission of creating a false identity "anchored to the truth" supports the use of his own biography with modifications.
- The timeline (late 2022 planning, February 2023 issuance) aligns with sufficient preparation time for document falsification.
- No evidence of a legitimate deed poll or official name change in the Gazette.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- Fraud Act 2006, Section 2 (making a false representation to obtain a passport).
- Identity Documents Act 2010, Section 4 (using a falsely obtained identity document).
- Potential Perjury Act 1911 violation if false declarations were made under oath.
- Possible conspiracy charges if HOPE not hate or Patrik Hermansson aided in the process.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Focus investigation on:

- Verification of supporting documents submitted to HMP0.
- Financial trails (e.g., bank accounts, funding sources) linked to "Christopher Morton."
- Role of HOPE not hate and Hermansson in facilitating the falsification.

CONFIDENCE LEVEL: High