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Dear Mr Evtuhovici

Please find information provided by Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia which concerns alert for Mr Predrag Blagojević on the Platform for the Promotion of the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists.

„ It was found out in the verification process that on August 16, 2015, during the Nisville 2015 jazz festival, Mr. Predrag Blagojevic, a journalist, was holding a can of beer and arguing with the Nifon Security guards at the entry to the Midnight Jazzdance Stage, refusing a mandatory check by the private security personnel. Mr. Predrag Blagojevic didn't have a press pass available, and was only wearing the event wristband that served as an admission ticket. The Nifon Security guards reported the incident to the police officers at the entrance, for further steps and actions towards Mr. Predrag Blagojević.

Mr. Predrag Blagojević was not carrying an ID card, and the police officers drove him in an official police vehicle to the "Crveni Krst" (Red Cross) police station, where he was identified and allowed to leave without any further delay. The police officers at the "Crveni Krst" police station took no coercive action against Mr. Blagojević.

On August 16, 2015, Mr. Predrag Blagojević reported to the Surgical Emergency Department of the Niš Clinical Center that police officers had inflicted head injuries upon him. After an interview with the surgeon, the police determined that Mr. Blagojević had no visible injuries.

The interviews with the police officers, witnesses and the surgeon showed that in this specific case no omission was made by the officers of the Niš City Police.

The Ministry of Interior Sector of Internal Control of the Police forwarded a report on the incident described above to the Basic Public Prosecutor's Office in Niš.”

Yours sincerely.



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