

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
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On the alert named “Bulgarian Investigative Journalist's Car Set on Fire following Warnings about TV Reports”

Pre-trial proceedings have been initiated after the crime. A number of investigative activities have been carried out but the perpetrator has not been identified so far. The investigation is still ongoing.

On the other mentioned in the alert cases with the reporters Eva Veselinova and Dimitar Varbanov we would like to point out that they have filed complaints before the relevant District Prosecutor's Offices (Pazardjik and Veliko Tarnovo respectively). In both cases the Prosecutor's Offices ruled that there is not enough evidence for committing a crime of general nature in accordance with the Criminal Code. Thus, there is no reason for initiating a pre-trial proceeding. However, the reporters have been duly informed that they have the right to submit a complaint before the competent Court. We do not possess with any information whether complaint(s) has (have) been submitted or not.