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To the Platform for the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists under the Council of Europe

Freedom of expression is a core value in a democratic society like the Danish and the press enjoys extended protection of freedom of expression. The press fulfills an essential role in a free and open society and it is important that the press is able to fulfill that role without experiencing threats or harassment.

I cannot comment on the specific case due to the ongoing police investigation. However, I have obtained a statement from the Danish National Police, who has confirmed that the Western Copenhagen Police on 5 September 2023 has received a report from Tine Johansen. Due to the ongoing investigation the Western Copenhagen Police cannot provide any further information.

With sincere regards,

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