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Dear Mr Gruden,

In response to the Alert published on the Platform for the Safety of Journalists and Protection of Journalism of the Council of Europe on 12 June 2020, concerning the case of journalist Bojana Pavlović, I would like to convey the following information received from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia:

The Ministry of the Interior, in accordance with its competences, have checked and established that the event in question had not been reported or recorded. In accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure, the public prosecutor runs the investigation process and can request the police to undertake different steps and measures with the aim of detection of criminal acts and of finding suspects. The police have not received an order or warrant of the competent prosecutor's office related to this event.

In accordance with the relevant legal regulations of the Republic of Serbia and with the Guidance on Acting of the Police in Cases of a Crime Act or Offense Harming Persons that Deal with Affairs of Public Importance in Area of Information, introduced by the Minister of the Interior on 3 May 2019, upon receiving an order of a competent public prosecutor, the police will undertake all the necessary measures and steps and inform the public prosecutor on them.

Yours sincerely,


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Mr Matjaž Gruden
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