Serbian journalist Danilo Masojevic and cameraman Vladeta Urosevic, both working for Prva TV, a Serbian commercial channel, were attacked on 17 April 2018 in Leskovac, Southern Serbia where they travelled to interview the mayor of Leskovac. They parked their vehicle in a side street when a man approached them to tell them it was not a parking spot. He verbally attacked them and blocked their vehicle with his car. When Urosevic and Masojevic proceeded to take the camera and other equipment out of their vehicle, the man physically assaulted Urosevic. The perpetrator was arrested by the police. According to Prva TV, the man was later identified as the owner of the building where the interview with the mayor was scheduled to take place. Urosevic was taken to the hospital and later release.

In a statement, the Western Balkan’s regional platform for advocating media freedom and journalists’ safety condemned the attack but welcome the swift reaction by the Serbian police that arrested the suspect shortly after the attack.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- News article published by b92: "Man assaults TV crew during parking spot dispute"
- Statement by the Regional Platform for advocating media freedom and journalists’ safety: "Serbia’s police swift reaction is a positive sign"

**STATE REPLIES**

- 25 Apr 2019 | NEW Reply from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia
- Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe