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## Prva TV Crew Attacked in Leskovac, Serbia

Resolved

SOURCE OF THREAT ▶ **Non-state**

CATEGORY  ▶ **Attacks on physical safety and integrity of journalists**

**PARTNER: EFJ/IFJ, Index**

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 released.

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

### RESOLVED

**16 Dec 2019:** On 16 December 2019, given the judgment issued by the Leskovac criminal court, the partner organisations to the Platform declared this case to be "resolved", concluding it was no longer an active threat to media freedom.

### UPDATES

**18 Jun 2018:** On 13 June 2018, the Leskovac Criminal Court convicted M.J., 39, of criminal intimidation and sentenced him to six months in prison.

➔ **Report by "SafeJournalists" (in Serbian): "Napad na novinara, Danilo Mašojević i Vladeta Urošević, Leskovac, 17.04.2018"**

## 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** | Reply from the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia

- ➔ **Letter from the Permanent Representation of Serbia to the Council of Europe**