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Subject: Re: Media request: NJ.com asking about possible bias incident at youth soccer game on Saturday
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Mr. Goldman,

I apologize for the delay. I was out of the office all day at a judicial hearing and just returned to my desk. In response to your inquiry, yes, we did have a report of vandalism on Saturday afternoon at our municipal soccer field parking lot. At approximately 1:56PM, officers responded to the area behind Borough Hall located at 100 Riveredge Road to investigate a report that an unknown individual or individuals damaged a parked vehicle. The vehicle's owner reported that someone had "keyed" his car, causing a large long scratch along the rear trunk lid and also scratched a "Star of David" into the hood of his car. The vehicle's hood was notable in that it was wrapped with a Palestinian flag. The victim also reported finding several flyers on his windshield related to the current hostage situation in the Gaza Strip. The victim provided a statement indicating that a group of 4 to 6 adult males showed up to the area earlier in the afternoon and began using harassing language towards him on the soccer field while displaying Israeli flags along the sideline. This incident is currently under investigation by our Detective Bureau as a possible bias incident. No charges have been filed as of yet, but our detectives are actively speaking with witnesses and reviewing all available evidence in order to identify any potential suspects.

Respectfully,

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Good morning,

This is Jeff Goldman, a reporter from NJ.com writing to please ask about an incident that took place at youth soccer game in on River Edge Road on Saturday. We understand a car with a Palestinian flag belonging to a referee was keyed after a person yelled racial slurs and waved an Israeli flag. The person also allegedly placed Israeli hostage flyers on the windshield.

Can you confirm if that account is accurate and that a police report was filed. Have any charges been filed?

Thank you,
Jeff

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