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To:

Adv. Sari Bashi

Via fax: [REDACTED]

Re: **Adv. Sari Bashi's Inquiry**

Reference: Your inquiry to the Police Chief from 16.3.2016

1. Regarding your inquiry to the Police Chief's office, this is the response from the Judea and Samaria District, as it was transmitted by the unit handling the case:
2. With respect to the allegations, the suspect was observed by soldiers **throwing a knife and fleeing** in the early evening hours near Beit Hadassah, in the Jewish settlement in Hebron. Note that at the time, a large number of attacks were perpetrated in the area against soldiers or settlers. Hence, there was immediate concern that the suspect intended to perpetrate a stabbing attack against soldiers or settlers in the area. According to the soldiers' testimonies, the suspect noticed them and fled. Following a chase and a manhunt, the suspect was apprehended, based on the description given by the soldiers who had seen him. A knife with a 20-cm blade was also seized at the location where the soldiers saw the suspect throw the knife. Additionally, after the suspect was apprehended, he was taken into custody by a military force and delivered to the Hebron police station close to 11:30 PM.
3. The suspect was arrested for 96 hours under an arrest warrant with the approval of Duty Commander Moshe Eisen. Before the suspect was taken into interrogation, the interrogator telephoned the suspect's father and told him his son was detained for questioning at the Hebron police station, and in addition spoke with a lawyer by the name of Limor on a cell phone with the number [REDACTED] prior to his interrogation.
4. The suspect also signed a minor's rights notice form prior to the interrogation.
5. With respect to the presence of the minor's parents during the interrogation. Since the matter involves a security offense, the minor may be interrogated without a parent present during the interrogation. Despite this, the interrogation notes indicate that the suspect did not ask for one of his parents to be present, though they were aware that he was under arrest, **especially given that the interrogator who interrogated the suspect was a youth interrogator who is well acquainted with the rights of minors during interrogation.**
6. The suspect was interrogated in the Hebron police station interrogation room, rather than in the station courtyard, as indicated in Adv. Bashi's letter. With respect to the time of the interrogation,

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despite the fact that the suspect is a minor, when the offense is committed close to the time of the arrest, the police may interrogate at any time of day.

7. As already noted, the interrogation was conducted by a certified Israel Police youth interrogator. The interrogation was documented and on audio tape. The audio tape is available in the interrogation file.
8. From the moment the suspect came into the hands of the Israel Police (close to 11:30 PM), he was interrogated in the interrogation room, and then transferred to a military holding facility.
9. With respect to paragraph 7 of the communication, there is an authority that is responsible for investigating prison guards where there are allegations of prisoner abuse. Therefore, if the suspect made such allegations, an official complaint may be lodged with said authority.

Sincerely,

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