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Dear Governor

It is five years ago, exactly 2018-03-14, when Marielle Franco and her driver Anderson Gomes were shot dead in Estacio in Rio de Janeiro. But up to now, the investigations revealed nothing of consequence.

It is reported that this murder was not a random happenstance but rather a planned premeditated act.

Especially the bullets indicate to a weapon type (Heckler & Koch) that officially only may be used by security forces and military.

As a politician Marielle Franco engaged for women rights, equality and tolerance of queer people. This stance caused opposition and threats.

In 2019, two persons were arrested but that did not lead to any conclusive outcome.

Since then, no real progress was made public. Apparently, the investigations are slow and conducted in an unwilling manner.

Dear Governor, I kindly urge you to request for a thorough independent investigation, even if official forces might be involved. A true progress for the resolution of this crime and for justice and peace can only be gained by an unconditional commitment to the rightful prosecution of the guilty.

May your efforts lead to a greater sense of peace, safety and protection of all the citizen's welfare in the Brazilian society.

With kind respect