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'I brought Carl alive to police station'

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After being bombarded with the different hearsay and mysteries of the killing of the Carl Arnaiz here comes one of the primary witness that is involved in the case. With this hunger for truth and seeking accountability of the incompetences we can analyze this article by tracking down if it followed the provisions given by the SPJ code of ethics (2014).

Identify sources clearly. The public is entitled to as much information as possible to judge the reliability and motivations of sources. — In this article the cab driver, Mr. Tomas Bagcal, confidently publicized his identity and name to prove his credibility and integrity. He also explained that he was hiding for a week for protection since he is a potential witness in the case of Carl Arnaiz. Also, he is receiving death threats. The motivation of the cab driver is clear, to correct the information of what the policemen said about the mugging and one of it is that he surrendered Carl Arnaiz alive.

This leads us to another provision, **Provide access to source material when it is relevant and appropriate**, for the previous news articles released we only heard the side of the policemen with Mr. Tomas Bagcal coming out we get to know another side of the story thus which made the article to **provide context** wherein **it took special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story**, another provision. The news article has laid out the previous statements of the policemen wherein Mr. Bagcal has denounced. One of it is that the policemen construed his statements and that the affidavit "submitted" was not from him. This gives us another point of view of the story that makes us counter check the once single-sourced news, the policemen. The article also historicized clearly the previous statements of the policemen.

One insensitive remark from the article is using an informal word, cabbie, instead of just writing the name of Mr. Bagcal. For a respected newspaper we expect high regards on how they value their subjects because the informality of the used word somehow dehumanizes Mr. Bagcal and it violates the provisions: 1.) **showing compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage**, 2.) **treating sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect**, and 3.) **abiding by the same high standards they expect of others**.

Overall, this article has provided us enough information from two sides, the policemen and Mr. Tomas Bagcal the cab driver. With this new original source coming out it's becoming clearer for us to understand the situation. We are still not done with further searching for the truth though. We are yet to know the motivation of the policemen on killing Carl Arnaiz if what Mr. Tomas Bagcal said is true. Hopefully justice may be served.