

Hello Mr. Policand,

This brief message to inform you of a mishap that happened to us today...

this afternoon, as we finish gluing superimposed portraits of political figures that no longer indicate a precise identity at the end (see invitation card in PJ that associates, for example, Donald Trump and Fidel Castro), at the disused bus stop of the GI Leclerc avenue (which we have been authorized to invest regularly for years thanks to an agreement with Mr. Burgoa), images linked to our upcoming exhibition: "To Be or Not To Be" by the Cuban-Spanish artist Jesús Hdez-Güero, which opens this afternoon (see again invitation attached), a self-identified adult man from the neighborhood took our side and tore off some of the images that we had just finished gluing, told us his disagreement with the use of these images and the associations we made, insulting and threatening us. with retaliation if we continued hitting. He clarified that we were in his neighborhood, in his territory and that we had no reason to put up those types of portraits. This neighborhood is mine too, I was born there: Blueberry Clinic on August 2, 1965, I have lived and worked there for 30 years! So I told him that this country is France and that in France we have freedom of expression.

Upon returning to Nemausus we met his agent Mr. Abdel Lemouchi who told us that he had resolved the problem with this person. That we didn't have to worry anymore and that if we wanted we could continue gluing what the person had torn off. We thank him for his intervention, unfortunately we do not have duplicates of these images, which are very expensive to print. And we don't want to create a new problem, to be threatened again. Our goal is appeasement. Therefore, we will not file any complaint against this person.

It is regrettable that in our country and our city freedom of artistic expression is trampled in this way,

from the first line...

In solidarity,

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