OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE : DELHI

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To

The Editor,
Mail Today,
Nerw Delhi.

Subject : News Clipping " Tortured for helping an injured man" dated 3-8-2009 and an editorial titled " Monstrous police" published on page 10, Mail Today on 4-8-2009.

Sir/Madam,

This is to bring to your notice that news item published in your newspaper does not reflect the true facts and is based solely on a false story dished out by Sonu who is an accused in the criminal case. The article has in fact been published without verifying the facts from the victim who was assaulted by Sonu and others.

2. It may be mentioned that the same story had been given out by the accused Sonu and his mother to other media persons also. However, instead of taking the story on its face value, they first met the victim of the assault case and learnt that the story given out by Sonu was totally fabricated. As a result, no one else deigned to publish this story.

3. However, to our utter surprise, instead of verifying their story, which had been found to be fabricated by other media persons, Mail Today published an editorial titled "Monstrous police" maligning the police force on the fake allegations levelled by a criminal.

4. It may be mentioned that Sumit @ Sonu whose story has been portrayed in your newspaper has a criminal record and is involved in 2 robberies, FIR No. 231/02 & FIR NO. 42/03 P.S. Preet Vihar and a snatching case vide FIR No. 227/04 P.S. Shakarpur and an Arms Act case vide FIR No. 96/03 P.S. Preet Vihar. Sonu and the other accused namely Moinuddin, Bittu and the victim Vinod
Are all known to each other and meet occasionally. On the day ofl this assault, Moinuddin, Sonu, Bittu and another person were standing at a Pan shop at Chhajju pur, where Vinod (the victim) also came later. They had an argument and Moinuddin @ Monu stabbed Vinod on the thigh and all 4 ran away from the spot. However, since Vinod was known to them Sonu came back and tried to take Vinod to the hospital on his bike but fell down and

received injuries on his head. They were also reportedly given a beating by the public.

5. After his recovery, Vinod, the victim, named all these people who are known to him earlier as the persons with whom he had an argument and named Moinuddin @ Monu as the person who had stabbed him. He also said that Sonu had also slapped him before the stabbing. All the persons involved in this scuffle were under the influence of alcohol and three of them including Sonu, Moinuddin @ Monu and the victim Vinod are involved in several criminal cases. On the day of incident none of them made any complaint against the local police. Sonu was taken to the Police Station because he was involved in the scuffle and was under the influence of alcohol. He was not in a position to drive and hence his mother was called and he was sent with her.

6. It is requested that the correct facts of the case may please be published in your newspaper so that a wrong impression is not created in the mind of general public.

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