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Dear Sir/Madam
Intervening partyAddress

Case: !FileNumber!	!CaseType!	Reference: !Reference! Date: !SignatureDate!
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Subject: Service

With regard to the report/complaint you have filed against unknown persons, you are hereby advised that the above-referenced criminal inquiry has been discontinued by order of the Public Prosecutor in charge.

This decision was based on the lack of evidence regarding the identity of the perpetrator(s) of the concerned facts, and no measures likely to be deemed useful to the investigation are being anticipated at present. (1)

The criminal inquiry will be immediately reopened should new pieces of evidence be brought to the file.(2) If you disagree with the discontinuing order given by the Public Prosecutor, you may:

- a. Submit, through a lawyer, within **20 (twenty)** days counted from the date of service, a request for the opening of the Examining stage, in which case the proceedings will be examined by a judge.(3) For this purpose, you are to assume the role of party assisting the Public Prosecutor (*assistente*) and pay in advance the court fee (2 account units equivalent to € 204, which may be adjusted upon closure of the case); (4)
- b. Alternatively, in case you decide not to request the opening of the Examining stage, you may evoke the intervention of the direct hierarchical superior of the Public Prosecutor who issued the inquiry discontinuing order(5) within the said period of **20 (twenty)** days.

If you are a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, and you have insufficient economic means, you may request that legal protection be granted to you through the Social Security services- see link <https://justica.gov.pt/Protecao-juridica>.

This service is deemed to have been carried out on the 5th business day following the date of its dispatch.

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- (1) Article 277(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code.
- (2) Article 279(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code.
- (3) Article 287(1)(b) of the Criminal Procedure Code.
- (4) Article 8(1) and (2) of the Court Cost Regulations.
- (5) Article 278 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

In your reply, please insert the reference number of this document and the case file number.