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## A FRENCH PRODUCER WAS MOLESTED BY THREE POLICE OFFICERS IN HIS MUSIC STUDIO

### FOR UNCLEAR REASONS

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### IN THEIR REPORT THE POLICE OFFICERS WRITE THAT THE VICTIM HAD KICKED THEM-----

According to these same images of the video broadcast by Loopsider (video from the building's security surveillance camera), shows that Michel Zecler resists by refusing to be stopped by the police, then tries to protect his face and body . He does not appear to be striking.

### THE MOLESTING LASTS FOR 5 MINUTES IN THE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO OF THE BUILDING OF THE MUSIC STUDIO OF MICHEL ZECLER-----

The scene lasts five minutes on November 20th. According to the police officers, the reason for this arrest, to be justified by the non-wearing of the mask of Michel Zecler. Secondly, people who were in the basement of the studio manage to reach the entrance, causing the police to withdraw outside and close the studio door. The police then try to force the door and throw a tear gas canister inside the studio. Following this violent arrest, the man was initially placed in police custody as part of an investigation opened by the Paris prosecutor's office for "violence against a person holding public authority"<sup>[?]</sup> and "rebellion"<sup>[?]</sup>. But the Paris prosecutor's office finally closed this investigation and opened a new procedure on Tuesday for "violence by persons holding public authority" and "forgery in public writing", entrusted to the General Inspectorate of the National Police (IGPN, Inspection of the French Police)

**MICHEL ZECLER THE VICTIM WAS PLACED IN CUSTODY FOR 48H -----**

The lawyer (very angry), of Michel Zecler, Me Hafida El Ali, declared to the press: "My client was in unjustified custody for 48 hours on unjustified remarks by the police services who had him. outrageously abused, "denounced his lawyer, joined by AFP. The ministry of Interior, Gerald Darmanin, meanwhile, said on Twitter: "I ask the Prefect of Police to suspend the police officers concerned as a precaution. I hope that the disciplinary procedure can be conducted as soon as possible. "The police officers who molested producer Michel Zecler, were immediately (Temporarily) suspended from their law enforcement function. Gerald Darmanin, Minister of the Interior. also specified, that the IGPN (the inspection service of the Police) had been seized "from Tuesday" on these acts of violence.

**FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS INCLUDING ANTOINE GRIEZMANN AND KILLIAN MBAPE ARE INDIGNED BY THIS VIOLENCE ON TWITTER**

The circulation of this video, shocking by the strong violence of the police officers molesting the music producer Michel Zecler, created a national stir in France. Some football champions, including football champion, France team striker Antoine Griezmann, tweeted "'I'm hurting my France" showing his indignation at this unwarranted violence. Another football champion and big international star, Kylian Mbappe, the star striker of the France team and Paris SG also denounced "an unbearable video" and "unacceptable violence". "Stop racism," he concluded. He took up the lyrics of the very cellar song of the female rap star, DIAMS, "Ma France a Moi" in his twitter account.

The international Benjamin Mendy, meanwhile tweeted "Without the videos what would have happened to Michel? We would have preferred to believe the version of the police under oath? #Commedhab". Several other athletes reacted like Samuel Umtiti or the international Espoirs Jules Koundé, on the football side or the basketball players Rudy Gobert or Evan Fournier.

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