

Unto Dame Brionna of Stanway, Chief of Security, Empire of Southern Drucien/Archduchy of Canberry  
From Sergeant Fenwick of the City Guard

Thought this needed to be reported to you at once as it appears to be an Imperial Page or similar.

A young man, boy really, named Darben, who apparently is a fosterling of the court, while leaving Dark services at the Hanalian Court in exile was attacked and seriously injured. It seems he had arrived at the Court in exile with an Imperial guard, but was then taken under the care of Princess Anastasia's people.

The boy and a guard from Princess Anastasia's court were on their way back to the Palace when what looks to have been a heavy crossbow with a poisoned bolt was fired from somewhere in the vicinity. The bolt pierced the lad just above the heart. He survived the blow, though barely, the poison however had done substantial damage prior to a priest of the Light reaching the location and nullifying it. He has been moved to a surgeon's residence nearby to stabilize him. Surgeon by the name of Antipater Desidi (an import from some foreign land, don't mind the name, he's got a good reputation, I assure you Dame.) I've posted one of my men on the door there.

I'm sorry to say that we have no idea who fired the bolt, the Captain has doubled the patrols in the upper city, but I very much doubt anyone is going to go dashing by a patrol carrying a heavy crossbow, begging your pardon.

Can't imagine why anyone would go after a lad, but thought you should know at once.