Investigation Report

Child Whereabouts and Surveillance Investigation — Sagamihara City, Kanagawa

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Case reference	JPI20260512
Report date	May 20, 2026
Client	Father, residing abroad (through counsel: Mr. A. B., XX Law Office, Tokyo)
Subjects	Mother: Misaki Saeki（佐伯 美咲）(pseudonym) / Child: Yuma Saeki（佐伯 悠真）(pseudonym, age 3)
Objective	Confirm the child's current residence and living situation, in support of a visitation (parental access) application
Classification	Confidential — for client use only
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1. Executive Summary

This report sets out the results of a whereabouts and surveillance investigation conducted in Sagamihara City, Kanagawa Prefecture, between May 14 and 17, 2026, concerning the subjects (mother and child). The client, the child's father, lives abroad and engaged Japan PI through his Japanese counsel to confirm where the child currently lives and how the child is cared for, for use in a visitation application before the family court. No contact was made with the subjects or the child at any point.

Key findings

- The mother and child were located at Room 305, Corpo XX, 2-15-8 XX, Chuo-ku, Sagamihara City（神奈川県相模原市中央区〇〇 2-15-8 コーポ〇〇 305 号室）(address partially masked for this sample). On May 16 and 17, 2026, both were observed entering and leaving the unit and staying overnight.
- At the registered address (Room 402, Building 4, XX Danchi, Minami-ku — the maternal grandmother's home), no entry or exit by the mother or child was observed during an 8-hour observation on May 14, and no children's laundry was visible. Only mail addressed to the grandmother was observed in the mailbox. The registered address and the actual residence differ.
- The maternal grandmother visits the unit daily, does the shopping and takes the child to nursery. Following the grandmother's movements was what led to the residence.
- On weekdays the child attends a licensed nursery (XX Nursery) about five minutes on foot from the residence. On the morning of May 17 the grandmother was observed taking the child there.

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2. Assignment Objectives

- Identify the subjects' current residence and record objective facts establishing actual occupancy.
- Observe, from public places, the child's daily situation: nursery, caregivers and the home environment.
- Intended use: a visitation application to be filed by counsel with the family court. No contact with the subjects or the child, and no act connected with removing the child, forms part of this engagement.

3. Client / Point of Contact

Client	Father (residing abroad)
Contact	Mr. A. B., XX Law Office (fictitious)
Address	1-2-3 XX, Minato-ku, Tokyo (fictitious)
Tel / Email	+81-3-0000-0000 / (omitted)

4. Subject Information

Subject 1 — Mother	Misaki Saeki（佐伯 美咲）(pseudonym), born 1990, Japanese national
Subject 2 — Child	Yuma Saeki（佐伯 悠真）(pseudonym), born November 2022 (age 3), Japanese and Canadian national
Registered address	Room 402, Building 4, XX Danchi, Minami-ku, Sagamihara City（神奈川県相模原市南区△△団地 4 号棟 402 号室）(maternal grandmother's home)
Related person	Maternal grandmother: Kazuko Saeki（佐伯 和子）(pseudonym), born 1962; vehicle: white kei passenger car, plate Sagami 5xx ta 12-34 (fictitious)
Materials from client	Family register (koseki), residence certificate (juminhyo), six photographs of mother and child, grandmother's name and address, records of past visitation

5. Case Background

- The client separated from his wife (Subject 1) in autumn 2025. She said she had moved with the child to her parents' home (the registered address), but since February 2026 she has not responded to messages and no visitation has taken place.
- Through counsel, the client is preparing to file for visitation mediation at the family court and needs to confirm the child's current residence and situation before filing.

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- Before accepting the engagement, Japan PI obtained the client's written undertaking that the findings will not be used for any purpose outside legal proceedings, including direct contact or retrieval of the child.

6. Scope and Estimate

Scope	Residence check at the registered address (8-hour surveillance); surveillance of the grandmother (2 days); environment check of the residence (half day)
Period	May 14–17, 2026 (4 working days)
Team	Two investigators, one vehicle as required
Estimate	24 surveillance hours plus site verification; expenses billed separately (amounts omitted in this sample)
Contract	Executed May 12, 2026, with the statutory disclosures, engagement letter and client undertaking

7. Investigation Activities

7.1 Residence check at the registered address — Thursday, May 14, 2026

An 8-hour observation was conducted from a position with a view of Room 402, Building 4, XX Danchi (the grandmother's home and the subjects' registered address).

07:00	Observation commenced. Curtains of Room 402 drawn. No laundry on the balcony.
08:12	Grandmother left Room 402 and drove off in the white kei car (Sagami 5xx ta 12-34). No passengers.
10:40	Grandmother returned carrying shopping bags and entered Room 402.
12:00–15:00	No entry or exit at Room 402. No children's clothing or toys visible on the balcony.
15:00	Observation terminated. No entry or exit by the mother or child was observed. Mailbox 402 labeled "Saeki"; mail addressed to the grandmother visible through the slot.

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Photo 1
Registered address (XX Danchi, Building 4). Room 402 curtains drawn; no children's laundry on the balcony (May 14, 07:03).

Photo 2
Mailbox for Room 402, labeled "Saeki". Mail addressed to the grandmother visible (May 14, 15:05).

7.2 Open-source and records check — May 14–15, 2026

As occupancy at the registered address could not be confirmed, open-source and records checks were carried out. Subject 1's public social-media account contained one photograph of the child posted in April 2026; the playground equipment in the background was assessed as belonging to a park in Chuo-ku, Sagamihara. The grandmother was identified by comparing the mailbox label with photographs supplied by the client. On this basis, the mother and child were assessed as most likely living within the grandmother's daily range, with the grandmother supporting them, and the investigation was redirected to surveillance of the grandmother.

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Photo 3
Playground equipment visible in Subject 1's public social-media post (image edited and partly masked), assessed as a park in Chuo-ku, Sagamihara (checked May 15).

7.3 Surveillance of the grandmother — Saturday, May 16, 2026

A two-investigator team followed the grandmother's vehicle.

08:00	Observation commenced at the XX Danchi car park.
09:05	Grandmother departed by car.
09:20	Entered a supermarket (XX store); stayed about 25 minutes. Purchases appeared to include children's food items (visible through the bags).
10:02	Arrived at Corpo XX, a three-storey apartment building at 2-chome XX, Chuo-ku. Parked in a visitor space and carried the shopping to the third floor.
10:06	Entered Room 305 at the east end of the third floor.
12:40	Grandmother left Room 305 and drove home. Mother and child not seen.
17:30	Grandmother returned to Corpo XX.
17:48	Grandmother, Subject 1 (mother) and the child left Room 305 together and departed in the grandmother's car. The mother carried the child.
18:05	Entered a shopping center (XX); stayed about 50 minutes.
19:10	Returned to Corpo XX. Mother and child entered Room 305. Grandmother drove home.
19:40	Lights confirmed on in Room 305. Observation terminated.

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Photo 4
Grandmother parking in the visitor space at Corpo XX and carrying shopping to the third floor (May 16, 10:03).

Photo 5
Subject 1 (mother) carrying the child, leaving Room 305 with the grandmother (May 16, 17:48). Faces are disclosed only in the client's original.

7.4 Confirmation of actual residence — Sunday, May 17, 2026

Occupancy of Room 305 by the mother and child was verified.

07:30	Observation commenced with a view of Corpo XX. Children's clothing and a small drying rack visible on the balcony of Room 305.
08:15	A child's tricycle and a stroller beside the entrance of Room 305. Mailbox 305 bears no name, but an envelope addressed to "Ms. Misaki Saeki" was visible through the slot.
08:50	Grandmother arrived by car, collected the child from Room 305 and walked about five minutes to XX Nursery. At 08:58 she handed the child to a staff member at the gate.
09:10	Grandmother returned to Corpo XX and entered Room 305.
11:30	Observation terminated.

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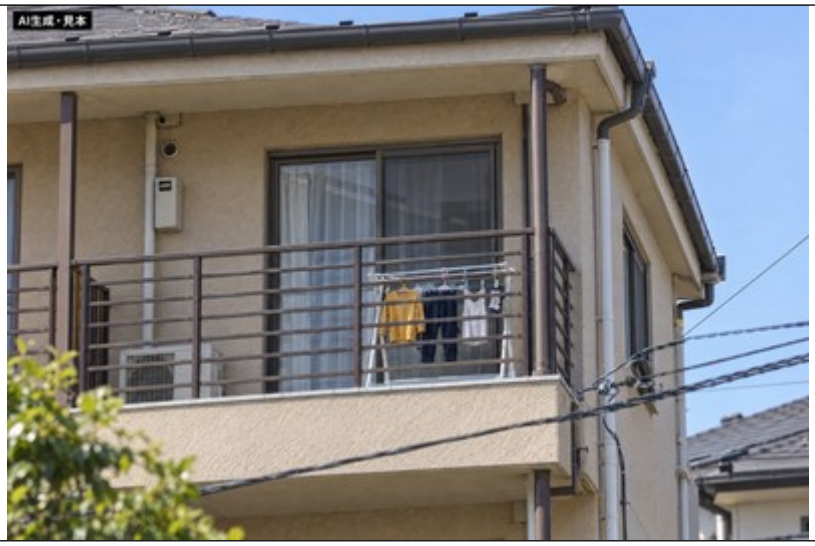

Photo 6
Balcony of Room 305: children's clothing and a small drying rack (May 17, 07:34).

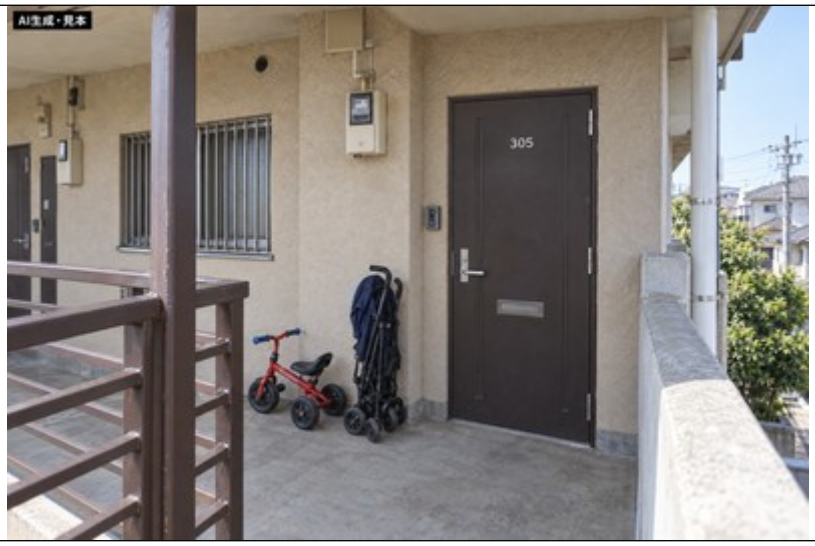

Photo 7
Child's tricycle and stroller beside the entrance of Room 305 (May 17, 08:16).

Photo 8
Grandmother walking the child to XX Nursery (May 17, 08:55). Faces are disclosed only in the client's original.

7.5 Residence environment

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Corpo XX is a three-storey rental building with 12 units and two visitor parking spaces at ground level. Room 305 is at the east end of the third floor; there are shared staircases at both ends of the building. The nearest nursery (XX Nursery) is about five minutes on foot, a supermarket about eight minutes, and the registered address (grandmother's home) about 15 minutes by car. The area is a quiet residential district; nothing suggesting danger to the child was observed in the surroundings.

Photo 9
Exterior of Corpo XX and the visitor parking spaces (May 17, 11:02).

Photo 10
Exterior of XX Nursery, about five minutes on foot from Room 305 (May 17, 11:15).

8. Assessment and Recommendations

- The mother and child are assessed to be living at Room 305, Corpo XX, 2-15-8 XX, Chuo-ku, Sagamihara City. Basis: their entry, exit and overnight presence on May 16 and 17; mail addressed to the mother; children's belongings; and the grandmother's daily visits and nursery runs.
- The mother and child do not live at the registered address (the grandmother's home). Counsel may wish to note the discrepancy between the registered and actual addresses when drafting the application.
- On weekdays the child attends XX Nursery. No inquiry was made to the nursery, as this is outside our authority and would risk disclosing the investigation.

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- This report records observed facts only. Any assessment of the parenting environment or of whether visitation should be granted is for counsel and the family court.
- Recommended next steps: (1) submit this report, at counsel's discretion, in support of the visitation mediation; (2) if there is a risk that the mother relocates after filing, continue with short monthly occupancy checks (2–4 hours); (3) the client should not visit or approach the residence himself until instructed by counsel, as doing so may prejudice the proceedings.

9. Notes on Method

This investigation was carried out by a firm registered under Japan's Private Investigation Business Act, through observation from public roads and public places and review of publicly available information. No contact was made with the subjects, the child or related persons; no interviews were conducted; no premises were entered; no GPS device was installed; and no communications were intercepted. Photographs in this report are excerpts from time-stamped originals, which Japan PI retains (stills and video) and will produce on counsel's request. Faces of third parties and vehicle plates are masked according to the intended recipient.

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