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"THE JUDGE CHANGED THE AGE OF THE MINOR, DECLARING HE WAS 18 YEARS OLD AND WROTE IN AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT HE WAS BORN ON 1.1.2000."

Date and time: February 2, 2018 02:00

Location: Tovarnik, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.1648822 , 19.152205800000047

Push-back from:

Push-back to:

Demographics: person(s), age: , from:

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used:

Police involved: Croatian and Serbian police

Taken to a police station?:

Treatment at police station or other place of detention:

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

Two men from Afghanistan (one minor, 17 years old) were caught by the Croatian border police in a border crossing Sid – Tovarnik around 1:30 a.m. During the scanner checking they were detected to be hiding inside of a truck. When they were brought out of a truck the police officers put the two men inside of a “small police car” and turned on the cold air conditioner. They kept them there for 7 hours, from 2:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Before being locked in the car the 2 men told the police that they didn’t want to go back to Serbia because there they were encountering many problems (“my health, my family, money, and other things, a lot of things, ...”). The police responded to them “this is a border, we don’t give an asylum to you”. They didn’t ask them any personal information.

After 7 hours of being kept in a car with the cold air conditioner Croatian border police transferred them directly to the Serbian border police at the same border crossing, Sid – Tovarnik. The Serbian police brought them to the police station in Sid.

They went to the court, where the judge was asking them to pay a fine of 5000 RSD (50 euros) for illegal border crossing. They didn’t have enough money so both men were taken to the prison in Sremska Mitrovica (45.0267162,19.5535284) where they spent 6 days. The judge changed the age of the minor, declaring he was 18 years old and wrote in an official document that he was born on 1.1.2000. (copies of the original documents given by the judge and after by the prison police are available).