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**Date and time:** March 24, 2019 00:00

**Location:** Border crossing Batrovci / Serbian side

**Coordinates:** 45.047329561139506 , 19.10694122314453

**Demographics:** 4 men, Afghanistan, 16, 16, 17, 18

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** Insulting, Kicking

**Police involved:** 4 Serbian border officers, walking

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** No

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

## Original Report

A is 16, B is 18, C is 16 years old, they were with another friend of 20 years old who was sleeping during the interview. All are from Afghanistan. They stay in the squat of Sid, on the old factory Grafosrem. They went on game on the 23/03 late evening, walked until the Batrovci border, and entered in a Serbian truck, parked right before the border. At 9 a.m., 3 Serbian border officers opened the truck and found first C and his friend.

They describe the police officers as ‘tall’, ‘muscular’, ‘very white’, ‘green eyes’, and ‘without hair’, with a dark blue uniform. They weren’t wearing anything on the head. The policemen asked C and his friend if there were other people on the truck, they answered no. They were beaten everywhere, mostly with foots, with hands, but they didn’t use the baton at any time. C finally confessed that they were 2 others person on the truck. They quickly found A and B and kicked and punched them a lot also.

On the meanwhile, another border officer joined the group. The guys explained that it was a ‘big fight, with foot and everything’, a ‘very dangerous fight’, the shoes were ‘like stones’. C explained that he was protecting his head with his arm. The mobile of B was damaged because it was in his pocket. The jacket of B was teared (see picture), he says ‘the jumper is gift for police’. He also has some mark on the body but he didn’t want to show them. The 2 drivers were beating them also. One was Serbian, the other one Turkish. They were insulting them in their language. From the 4 policemen, 3 were beating while another one was ‘good’.

At the end, they all escaped by running into the jungle. The policemen tried to run after them but they were faster. C showed me a scratch made by the trees during the escape. All the sleeping bags of the guys stayed inside the truck. This happened in the morning of the same day than the interview. It was 6 pm when the report was made and they were preparing themselves to go on game the same night.

*Interview made in English*

