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"YOU MADE A CRIME, I'M UNDER 18 AND YOU CATCH ME AND YOU WROTE 2000"

Date and time: December 4, 2018 00:03

Location: Lukinić Brdo, Croatia, on a road coming from the Serbian-Croatian border

Coordinates: 45.49033437018348 , 17.234910131910283

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 24 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Unknown

Violence used: kicking

Police involved: Four or five police officers at the location of the group's initial capture. They wore blue uniform "like Serbian police"

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, photos taken, personal information taken, denial of access to toilets

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

The authorities arrested the respondent together with the group of 23 people on the move at around 3 am. They were about three hours away from Zagreb, on a road coming from the Serbian-Croatian border. The group had been traveling in vehicles which had picked them up after two days of walking. Shortly after entering the vehicles, the authorities stopped the group and shortly after they transported them with two vehicles to a police station near the Serbian border. Eight of them had to enter the first vehicle , the rest was driven with the second one.

At the police station, the officers asked the group who spoke English to which the respondent raised his hand. He was asked where he was from and declared Afghanistan.

" We come from a war country. I want to come Europe, Europe has humanity. I heard Europe has humanity but if Croatia is doing this kind of acting so other country will do too."

At the police station, the respondent was the only one being locked in a cell. While locked inside, he asked several times to use the toilet, but the police denied him this. Additionally, he asked if the windows could be opened to get some fresh air, to which the officers told him:

" Stop, sleep."

He was kept in custody for three days, being released on the evening of the third day. During those days, they took the group's photos, and wrote down their names, country of origin of the respondent, as well as his family name and date of birth. As a date of birth he wrote 2002, but one of the officers changed it to 2000. He

complained about this procedure:

“ You made a crime, I’m under 18 and you catch me and you wrote 2000”.

Then the officers closed the file and told him he was free. He asked for asylum, but was told:

“ No stay here, there is no paper . ”

The location of the push-back is unknown, but the respondent described there being “a big stone”. They were kicked before they left.