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"TWO OTHER PEOPLE FROM THEIR GROUP WENT TO JAIL IN SREMSKA MITROVICA"

Date and time: February 4, 2018 12:00

Location: Bajakovo border crossing, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.047704 , 19.103008

Push-back from: Croatia

Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 4 person(s), age: unknown , from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: theft of personal belongings

Police involved: Croatian border officers/ Serbian police officers

Taken to a police station?: yes

Treatment at police station or other place of detention: detention, personal information taken, forced to pay fee

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A group of 4 people from Afghanistan passed the Serbian border-scanner control post, but were later detected at the Croatian border-scanner control at Bajakovo border crossing. They were hiding in a truck. The interviewee, from Afghanistan, described the encounter with the police in these words:

"They called me Taliban. I asked for asylum but they said no. This was a third time that I seeked asylum. I know if I come to Zagreb they won't give me asylum."

The police kept them for 8 hours in a police van. They took pictures of them, took their personal data and took their mobiles but didn't give them any papers. The Croatian police pushed them back and transferred them directly to the Serbian police, who took them to the police station in Sid.

At the police station they were asked for their personal data and were sent to a court. The judge said that they had to pay 50 euro each for the illegal border crossing. The interviewee payed for himself and for one minor. Two other people from their group went to jail in Sremska Mitrovica.