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## "THE INTERVIEWEE'S HEAD WAS PUSHED UNDER WATER WHILE THE POLICE WAS BEATING HIM."

**Date and time:** February 23, 2019 00:00

**Location:** Lipovac, Croatia, between the Batrovci scanner and the Bosut river

**Coordinates:** 45.0561941 , 19.07286590000001

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 4 person(s), age: 16,16,17,18 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, pushing people to the ground, water immersion, pouring water over one's head

**Police involved:** Between 10-15 police officers, in blue uniform with the Croatian flag, in three police cars. They are described as big and very tall officers.

**Taken to a police station?:** no

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### ORIGINAL REPORT

The interviewee aged 16, and three other men from Afghanistan (aged 18, 17 and 16) went on game late evening on February 23, 2019. Around 2 am they arrived close to the Serbian/Croatian border at Batrovci on the right side of the highway, where the Bosut river is passing by. They jumped over an around three to four meters high fence, where one respondent hurt himself between the fingers.

Just a few minutes after passing the fence, three police cars with around 10-15 police officers arrived.

*"The police saw us with thermal cameras."*

The officers arrested the group of four and pushed them into the river, using sticks and kicking them with their feet to make them stumble. The interviewee's head was pushed under water while the police was beating him. All clothes and belongings of the people on the move got completely wet.

The interviewee declares they barely talked to the police and the police barely talk to them, he just specified he was from Afghanistan.

In a three hours ride, they were afterwards deported back to Serbia.