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## **"THE POLICE PUT A TREE BRANCH TO HIS MOUTH AND TO FIX IT, THEY ROLLED HIS JUMPER AROUND HIS HEAD."**

**Date and time:** October 19, 2017 01:00

**Location:** Croatia, Apševci

**Coordinates:** 45.060242 , 19.087319

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Unknown

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** 5 male police without uniforms with small civil

**Taken to a police station?:**

**Treatment at police station or other place of detention:**

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

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

4 men walked from Sid, Serbia, across the Serbian-Croatian border to Croatian side and got caught by 5 male police without uniforms with small civil car on Thursday 19th October at night about 1 am about 10 km from the border (about at 45.060242,19.087319). The police shouted "stop", and two of them raised their pistols and other one of them shot once in front of the feet of the interviewed man. This man stopped and knelt down, while 3 other ran away to the back. The man said "I'm refugee, don't shoot me, I'm from Afghanistan" and showed his Afghan certificate of professional massagist from his phone from the pocket of his jacket. The police showed their Croatian police license cards. The 2 police with guns stayed their weapons raised and pointed to the man. The 3 other police palpated his body and checked his belongings. They confiscated his money (200 euros, from pocket of backpack) and phone, set his jacket, blanket and backpack on fire with a lighter and broke his shoes with a knife. After that they started to beat him: 2 of these 3 police fought at a time and third waited, then they changed shifts, 2 with raised guns stayed in their position. The police hit with palms, fists and stick (long thin black with handrest) left side of the body and right cheek. Afterwards on the next day he got bruises and pain to left arm (see Picture A), trunk, bottom and thigh, and his left little finger and wrist joint (see Pictures B and C) and right cheek were hurt and swollen. He didn't fight back but tried to defend himself, and he repeated his earlier words. The police put a tree branch to his mouth and to fix it, they rolled his jumper around his head. They shouted "don't speak, go back to Serbia". After a while the man fled to the back by bare feet and walked across the border to Sid, Serbia.