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## **"THE BORDER POLICE DENIED THAT THEY HAD CAUGHT THEM AND DENIED THEIR PRESENCE AT THE STATION"**

**Date and time:** August 30, 2017 00:00

**Location:** Near Dobova, Slovenia

**Coordinates:** 45.9038288 , 15.655325400000038

**Push-back from:** Slovenia, Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 1 person(s), age: 16 , from: Algeria

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), theft of personal belongings

**Police involved:** Croatian border police

**Taken to a police station?:** yes

**Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?:** Yes

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

On August 30th. 2017, a 16 year old person from Algeria was caught by the Croatian police, at the border between Slovenia and Croatia. He asked the police for asylum, and told them he was a minor and needed help. The police brought him to the police station close to the border, where the cells were already occupied by 20 other people on the move. The police took their money, bags and phones. One person managed to keep his phone, and called the Croatian Red Cross, explaining the situation, sending the GPS data, asking for help. This organization apparently called the border police, who denied that they had caught them and denied their presence at the station. The police then asked for the phone that contacted this organization, and threatened to deport them if the phone was not handed over. They group denied having the phone.

The organization called them back on this phone and explained that the police would bring them to Zagreb for entering asylum processes. However, the police transported them in 2 big cars, and deported them back to Serbia, warning them that if they come back they would be deported again. They were beaten by the Croatian police just before being sent across the border.