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## **"THE 4 PEOPLE WERE BEATEN ONE AFTER THE OTHER, BY 2 POLICEMEN WHO BEAT EACH PERSON FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES"**

**Date and time:** September 8, 2017 00:00

**Location:** Vinkovci, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.2879058 , 18.805678100000023

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 4 person(s), age: 19-20 , from: Pakistan

**Minors involved?** Unknown

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

**Police involved:** 2 police officers from Vinkovci

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

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

4 people from Pakistan, were deported back to Serbia on September 8th. 2017. They were 4 people in a taxi with one taxi driver. A police car stopped the taxi and asked them to come into the police car. They were brought to the police station in Vinkovci. In a closed room inside the police station, the police started to beat them. Inside this small room, the 4 people were beaten one after the other, by 2 policemen who beat each person for about 20 minutes. They were asking them if they understood english, and some informations about the taxi, to check if they were english speakers. In the hopes of not being beaten the 2 people pretended that they didn't speak or understand any English.

When they asked for asylum the police officers answered *"if you don't speak English I don't give asylum"*. They stayed 2 hours at the police station, each person was beaten approximately 20/30 minutes. One of them was punched in the thorax and in the back. He still feels pain in his shoulder and his thorax. They asked for water but the police refused to give them some. The police took 2 phones and checked the contacts, they didn't give it back. Afterwards the police deported them back to Serbia in a van, they were brought to the border at the railway tracks. The police opened the doors of the van and ordered them to run.