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## **"THE POLICE HAD 3 POLICE DOGS ON LEASHES, BUT THEY LET THE DOGS ATTACK THE MEN FOR A WHILE."**

**Date and time:** November 20, 2017 03:00

**Location:** Serbia, Horgos

**Coordinates:** 46.174053 , 19.931763

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** Hungarian male border police officers with blue uniforms

**Taken to a police station?:**

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

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

**Reported by:** Rigardu

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

*6 men, 14 (interviewed person), 16, 17, three about 20 years old, from Afghanistan*

On 19th-20th November 2017 at night, 6 men walked from Horgos, Serbia, across the Serbian-Hungarian border (46.174053, 19.931763) and got caught by several border police with small blue police cars (2-4 police in each car) only about 3 km from there on 20<sup>th</sup> November about at 3 am. First the incidence of violence occurred. The police forced the men to stand up towards the back of the van, hands raised behind their neck and sprayed them with pepper spray for about 5 minutes. After that they surrounded the men, so that several police were around each of the men. The police kicked the men all over the body (the interviewed especially into his back) and hit them with hands for about 10 minutes. The police had 3 police dogs on leashes, but they let the dogs attack the men for a while. The interviewed protected himself with his blanket, but his friend got bitten to his arm. After that the police checked their bodies and belongings and asked for property. They found small scissors in the pocket of the interviewed person and used them to cut his phone charger and shoelaces. They also broke two phones from the other men. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum, so the police asked their personal details, destination, but didn't give any written documents. Next the police tied the men with handcuffs to squat position and transported them with big police van to the Serbian-Hungarian border near the catchment place. The police drove really fast (about 200 km/h) and hazardously, so that the men in the back of the car were bumping all over. On the border, the same night on 20th about at 4 am, the police ordered the men to go back to Serbian side, so the men ran away to Horgos, Serbia.