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## **"IT WAS VERY SMALL VAN AND NO AIR. HE WAS DRIVING VERY DANGEROUSLY, AND PEOPLE WERE VOMITING."**

**Date and time:** July 4, 2018 04:00

**Location:** Slovenian village, close to the Croatian border

**Coordinates:** 45.86883743579279 , 15.629679864480295

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**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:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

F. reported to me that the whole group walked from Velika Kladusa, crossed the Croatian land, and reached a Slovenian village during their eight day of walking, where they got caught by the police (2018-07-04 04:00:00). All the boys were taken to a police station, where they have asked the police to apply for asylum in Slovenia. But the police refused to them the access to the asylum procedures, saying that Slovenia was full of migrants and they could not apply for asylum there:

*"I asked Croatian police, you [let] stay so many people, why you don't let stay me here? [I was] 10 days walking here. You let stay somebody, but not me, what is this? Always police catch me and send back. This is not fair. They don't let me to stay"* (F.)

In the police station, the officers were questioning the boys about their age, nationality, and asking them how they reached Slovenia. One of the boys told the police that he was 16 years old, but he could see that a police officer wrote down that he was 18 years old, which was the false information, leading to his deportation back to Bosnia with no special protection. F. felt pain in his stomach throughout the whole time of their detention because he did not eat and drink properly for 8 days and asked the police to provide him a medical help. But the police ignored his request, closed him into a cell without any food and water for 24 hours. After one day, they were deported from Slovenia to Croatia in a police van. The boys reported to me that a driver of the van was driving very fast and aggressively for about three hours and everyone was falling from one side to another:

*"It was very small van and no air. He was driving very dangerously, and people were vomiting. I asked, please, stop the car, stop the van. But nobody listened"* (F.).

The boys were then deported directly from Croatia to the Bosnian border, where the boys were told of to get off the car and walk back to Velika Kladusa. According to F., the Croatian police officers stole from the boys money (170 euros) and

broke their phones by the border. F. was then politely asking the police to give them back their money, but the police only said: "Go back!". While the boys were walking to Velika Kladusa, they were stopped by the Bosnian police who helped them to transport back to Velika Kladusa and reach the medical help in the local hospital. This was the fifth time that Ferdous has tried to reach asylum in Europe:

*"If you go to Croatia and you get caught, they directly deport you. They don't give you water, no food. If you die, no problem police. ... But I need to go go go again. No problem, I try again" (Ferdous).*