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## **"THE RESPONDENT'S HEAD WAS UNDER THE WATER WHILE THE OFFICERS WERE BEATING HIM."**

**Date and time:** February 24, 2019 02:00

**Location:** Lipovac, Croatia, in a forest on the Croatian side near the Batrovci border crossing

**Coordinates:** 45.06165678407416 , 19.0904792762268

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Serbia

**Demographics:** 4 person(s), age: 16, 16, 17, 18 , from: Afghanistan

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, water immersion, pouring water over one's head

**Police involved:** 10-15 Croatian officers, 3 police cars

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

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

**Reported by:** No Name Kitchen

### **ORIGINAL REPORT**

The group of four friends, between 16 and 18 years old, went on game by foot on February 23 , 2019. They left the abandoned factory Grafosrem in Sid late at night. They arrived around 2 am close to the Croatian border, near Batrovci on the right side of the highway, in a forest where the Bosut river passes by. When they tried to jump over the around 3,5 meter high fence, one of them hurt himself between his fingers.

Just after passing the fence, they saw a red light in a tree which turned out to be an x-ray camera. A few minutes later, three police cars arrived, carrying around 13 officers with the Croatian flag on their uniform.

*"They all very tall and big."*

They four friends were caught and pushed into the river. The officers kicked them to make them stumble into the water. The respondent's head was under the water while the officers were beating him.

At the end, they brought them back to the Serbian side and told them to leave.

The clothes and all the belongings of the four of them were completely wet.