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## **"WHEN ONE OF THE YOUNGEST BOYS FELL ASLEEP, ONE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS SLAPPED HIM INTO THE FACE AND DENIED HIM TO SLEEP."**

**Date and time:** November 15, 2017 09:00

**Location:** Serbia, Sid

**Coordinates:** 45.128427 , 19.225707

**Push-back from:**

**Push-back to:**

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

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:**

**Police involved:** catchment: 4-5 Croatian police/ deportation: some Croatian police in blue uniforms/ next interrogation: several Serbian police/ violence: chief of Sid police station (undercover officer, male)

**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**

*7 men, 2 x 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 30 years old, from Afghanistan*

catchment on Wednesday 15th November 2017 about at 9-10 am, transportation to police station about 5 min, interrogation after that, duration about 30 min, transportation to border about 20 min, followed by deportation, next interrogation after that, duration about 5 h, violence during that, released the same day about at 5 pm

The men walked from Šid, Serbia, across the Serbian-Croatian border and continued by car towards the West for 3 hours on Wednesday 15th November 2017 in the morning. The driver had ordered them to leave their shoes so that police couldn't catch them because of muddy footprints on the floor of the car. However, about at 9-10 am, the car was stopped by a scanner on Croatian border with either Slovenia or Bosnia and Herzegovina (the men didn't see where they were driving). Some (4-5) Croatian police told men to come out of the car, asked for their destination and checked their bodies and belongings. They asked why the men didn't have shoes, and the men told the truth. The men expressed their intention to seek for asylum. After that they were transported (about 5 minutes drive) to police station of a Croatian city (the men didn't see where they were driving). There they confirmed their intention to asylum application, so the police interrogated them. They also asked why the men didn't have shoes, and the men again answered truthfully. The police gave each of them ready filled asylum registration paper, written in English, to sign in, and took their fingerprints and photos. The police didn't talk so much, only silently conducted the procedures. They denounced that one of them would be a smuggler because of knowing Serbian language. After being about 30 minutes at the police station, without been given any documents, the men were transported about 20 minutes drive (the men didn't see where they were driving from) to Serbian-Croatian border near Sid, Serbia, deported to Serbian side and handed to Serbian police, who took them to the local police station (MUP). The Croatian police explained that this was done because the men passed through Croatia illegally. There they were again interrogated. The Serbian police behaved disrespectfully and angrily, for example they argued why the men hadn't shoes, accused the men for lying about their ages and thus threatened them

telling that they will transfer them to Presevo camp. One of the police asked their shoe sizes but never came back to give them shoes. When one of the youngest boys fell asleep, one of the police officers slapped him into the face and denied him to sleep. In total they spent there about 5 hours. After that, the same day about 5 pm, the police released the men and they were seen by the interviewer in the town of Sid.