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## "THE FAMILY ASKED FOR ASYLUM, BUT THE OFFICER IGNORED THEM"

**Date and time:** September 7, 2018 06:00

**Location:** 4km from Luciča, Croatia

**Coordinates:** 45.340783190777685 , 15.47939779182991

**Push-back from:** Croatia

**Push-back to:** Bosnia

**Demographics:** 3 person(s), age: 26, 1 , from: Syria

**Minors involved?** Yes

**Violence used:** no violence used

**Police involved:** 1 arresting officer in civilian clothes (jeans and jacket), 2 commando officers in black uniforms

**Taken to a police station?:** no

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

**Reported by:** Balkan Info Van

### ORIGINAL REPORT

On September 7th. 2018, A family of three on the move, had been walking through the Croatian countryside for seven days. The father and mother took turns carrying the one year old daughter who was too young to walk. At dawn on September 7th. 2018, the family was walking near the town of Lučica. It was twilight, around 03:00, and the three people moved on a track that ran round the village. From the shadows a man dressed in civilian clothing (jeans and jacket) stood up from a chair and ordered them to stop. Then he approached, showing them a Croatian police badge.

The man told them to wait for a police car to arrive. The family asked for asylum, but the officer ignored them. The father told him he would do what was needed for an application and that the police could take their fingerprints. But the officer only replied "no".

After fifteen minutes a standard white patrol car arrived with two officer dressed in black driving the vehicle. The men conversed with the officer in civilian clothing and then loaded the family into the back of the car. They were driven for approximately 2 hours until they arrived at the border near to the road crossing of Maljevac which permits traffic into V.Kladusa. They were taken out of the car in an abandoned area near the Glina (river) and told to walk back to town.