"THE POLICE BROKE THEIR TWO MOBILE PHONES, AND PROCEEDED TO BEAT THEM"

Date and time: April 12, 2018 12:00 **Location:** Near Lipovac, Croatia

Coordinates: 45.0561941, 19.07286590000001

Push-back from: Croatia
Push-back to: Serbia

Demographics: 7 person(s), age: unknown, from: Afghanistan

Minors involved? Yes

Violence used: beating (with batons/hands/other), kicking, destruction of personal belongings, theft of personal

belongings

Police involved: Croatian border police **Taken to a police station?:** unknown

Was the intention to ask for asylum expressed?: Yes

Reported by: No Name Kitchen

ORIGINAL REPORT

A family of 7, (2 men, 3 women and 2 children) from Afghanistan crossed the border near Bratovci – Lipovac. The Croatian border police saw them near the road and caught them. They called for more police. The police took their mobile phones and asked them with whom and how they came to Croatia. The group answered that they came on their own by walking, and asked for asylum. They stressed that one member of the family were disabled, a 12 year old girl with polio. There was also a two-year-old child in the family. The police responded that they were not giving asylum.

The police broke their two mobile phones, and proceeded to beat them. Afterwards they pushed them into the police van. Before entering the van, the police threw the bag belonging to the interviewee into the forest. Along with his bag he thus also lost his wallet, money and his clothes. They beat the interviewee person and his cousin, the only two men in the family, with sticks and by kicking them all over their bodies. The police told them to never come back to Croatia. They pushed them back to Serbia, somewhere in the field.

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