

Failed Escape Attempt by 2 GDR Citizens Noted

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[Text] Berlin, 10 Sep (DPA) — The attempt by two GDR citizens to escape to West Berlin by car at the GDR Drewitz border crossing point appears to have failed.

According to statements by transit travellers — which were made available by the police — their car crashed into a closed gate at the crossing. When they tried to escape on foot, border troops fired three to five shots and arrested the two, who were apparently uninjured. Afterwards the crossing point was closed for 25 minutes by the GDR in both directions.