



**Source 1: Execution of Gypsies at Giessen, 1726**

**Source 2: Letter from Groß-Umstadt Police to Hesse Police Administrator, Darmstadt administration, Germany, 7 Oct 1934 and reply 12 Oct 1934**

‘District Administrator sir.... Once again I have to inform you that the Gypsies come begging, arriving here late at night when our numbers are few and otherwise engaged. Without more how can we remove them from our town? Further I need to report that although we know them to be Gypsies, when they are asked to show their papers they have in their possession the *Wandergewerbescheine* [licence to travel] stating that the Gypsy Law does not apply[ fällt nicht unter das Zigeunergesetz] because they are *Halbzigeuner* [half-Gypsies]. But anyone can see that they are Gypsies. And when they come in their waggons and stop by the roadside we need to use public money to pay for their removal. Why should we pay when this is a state order?’

‘... We request that, to keep down costs of deportation, check that damages to Gypsy families’ modes of transport have not been caused deliberately... if there is no other option it is better to pay five Reichsmark for fixing a broken wheel than to spend twenty Reichsmark organising deportation by the police’.



**Source 3: Photograph of Roma and SS soldiers, unnamed woods outside Zagreb, April 1941**

