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The Serbian War Crimes Prosecutor brought an indictment against Zdravko Pašić (44), on suspicion of engagement in a war crime against civilians, which took place in village Slunj (Croatia) in 1991. At the time member of the local police in the then Republic of Srpska Krajina, Pašić is charged with the murder of Doctor Dragutin Krušić, which he planned and committed in concert with Milan Grubješić. In the night between 22 and 23 December 1991, Pašić and Grubješić removed Dr. Krušić from the Slunj outpatient department on the pretext of taking him to attend to the wounded, which later turned out to be untruth.

In subsequence, they took Dr. Krušić to a car park outside a guesthouse, where Pašić shot several bullets from his automatic rifle into the victim's body. Aided and abetted by Grubješić, he inflicted a number of penetrating wounds all over the victim's body, which resulted in his immediate death.

Arrested on 26 September, Pašić has been under custody since 28 September, further to the ruling rendered by the investigative authority of the War Crimes Chamber, part of the Belgrade District Court. In 2001, the District Court in Karlovac convicted Pašić in absentia and sentenced him to 12 years in prison, as well as the other perpetrator, Milan Grubješić, who is currently serving his term.

The War Crimes Prosecutor obtained evidence relating to this case from the Croatian State Prosecutor, pursuant to the Agreement on cooperation in prosecuting perpetrators of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.