

## **Ritual of stealing at Pamforo village**

Inhabitants talking about the ritual:

*Everything stolen ends up at the square where the fathers of the girls come to take the stolen back and young men hiss them implying "You did not protect your daughter" (Kristalo Tsamkakidou, 67 years old).*

*Everyone having daughters is not sleeping during this night. Some of them are strongly reacting but they are familiar to the young men who are divided in small groups. Other groups go to the back of the houses, other to the front (Vasiliki Mola, vice president, Cultural club of Pamforo).*

*If someone sleeps over on the cart while guarding it, they enwrap him in a blanket or a sheet and they abduct him also. You can see the parents getting out of their houses in nightdresses. Last year there were potshots (Matoula Arabatzi, president of the Cultural club of Pamforo).*

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