



Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos

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Recommendation 45/2011

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Matter: The case of the loss of life of V1 and the cruel treatment of V2, in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas

Authority Responsible: The Federal Public Security Secretary

The National Commission of Human Rights has reviewed the contents and evidence of the file CNDH/1/2010/5265/Q, relating to the case of V1 and V2. On the 22nd of September 2010 at approximately 18:00 hours V1 communicated via telephone with their brother V2, indicating that they would collect them in a vehicle close to their home located in Ciudad Victoria in the State of Tamaulipas. Following this, V2 spotted that the vehicle in which V1 was travelling, was being followed by another vehicle containing members of the Federal Police. According to V2's statement, V1 entered a house and then, whilst the victim tried to jump to the roof of the house next door, they were shot by members of the Federal Police, resulting in their loss of life. V2 then approached the elements of the Federal Police in order to question them on the motives behind the shooting. At this point, one of the aforementioned police workers hit V2 over the head with a pair of handcuffs, throwing them violently to the floor, afterwards putting them face down on the floor of the van. V2 was then transported to the Federal Police offices of Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, at which point they were told that they must declare that V1 along with the person accompanying them were carrying firearms in the vehicle in which they had been travelling and that they had in fact fired the first shots. In the event that V2 would fail to make these claims, the police would then attribute various crimes to V2's name. Upon logical legal analysis of these facts, this organism considers that the stated events present violations of the human rights to life, integrity and personal security, humane treatment, legality and legal security – committed against V1 and V2 respectively. The aforementioned violations are attributable to AR1, AR2, AR3, AR4 and AR5, public servants of the Federal Police, belonging to the Federal Public Security Secretary. The Commission has issued Recommendation 45/2011 in response.