



# Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos

## México

### **Recommendation 49/2011**

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**Mexico City, August 30th, 2011**

**MATTER: THE CASE OF THE ILLEGAL DETENTION AND TORTURE OF V1 IN CIUDAD JUÁREZ, CHIHUAHUA**

**AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE: SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA**

The National Commission of Human Rights has examined the evidence presented by the file CNDH/2/2010/1583/Q, relating to the case of the illegal detention and torture of V1. Said individual upon leaving their business located at Plaza Coral, in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, was detained by members of the Mexican Military upon suspicion of theft of a vehicle according to the minutes of the report of the accused and the minutes of the public ministry notification of the probable crime. Q1 and Q2 stated that they were aware of V1's whereabouts until the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, the day in which V1 made contact by telephone with Q2, informing them that they were going to take them to the State Social Rehabilitation Center (CERESO) as the military personnel were connecting them with the events which occurred at the Villas de Salvárcar. For this reason, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2010, Q1 and Q2 visited these installations at 8:30 hours at which point they made contact with V1 who warned them that they were badly injured with "bruised legs, chest and nose", and burn marks from "some kind of cigarette". Q2 added that on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at around 11:30 hours they received a call from someone claiming to be interned at the State Social Rehabilitation Center, that V1 had been taken from CERESO but that they didn't know where to, at which point Q2 they began their quest. Later on however, they received a phone call from V1 telling them that military personnel had taken them from CERESO in order to torture them and discover their home address. V1 had only given them the address of Q1, but advised Q2 to take great care with soldiers and members of the police force. This National Commission observes that public servants of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion of the Secretariat of National Defense, with the participation of AR3 – assistant attorney of the North Zone of Chihuahua State Attorney, AR4, Director of the State Social Rehabilitation Center in Ciudad Juárez and AR5 – an agent of the Investigative Ministerial Police, violated the human rights of integrity and personal security, legality and legal security and for abusive acts consisting in illegal

detention, lack of communication, torture and the arbitrary use of force.  
Recommendation 49/2011 was issued as a result.

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