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21. On March 17, 2005, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Nancy Nineth Melgar Reyes de González and her family. The information available indicates that on January 5, 2005, the National Civilian Police and the Criminological Investigation Service raided the home of Nancy Nineth Melgar Reyes de González's parents, Edwin Antonio Orozco and Elida Argentina Reyes García. It is alleged that this raid was carried out without the corresponding court order and with violence and threats, and that during the incident documents relating to the forced disappearance of César Geovani Guzmán Reyes were confiscated. On February 4, 2005, Messrs. Edwin Antonio Orozco and Elida Argentina Reyes García were murdered in their home by unidentified assailants. Members of the fire brigade found them bound and suffering from gunshot wounds to their heads. In light of these circumstances, the IACHR asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures necessary to protect the lives and personal integrity of Mrs. Nancy Nineth Melgar Reyes de González and her family. The Commission continues to monitor the situation of the beneficiaries.