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25. On March 23, 2007, the IACHR granted precautionary measures in favor of Mr. Félix Andrés Mendoza Monterroso and his family. Mr. Mendoza Monterroso is a member of the National Civilian Police (PNC: Policía Nacional Civil), a witness to the criminal conduct engaged in by agents of that police agency. The information available indicates that in March 2006 his brother, Mr. José Alfredo Mendoza Monterroso, was said to have been tortured for the purpose of getting him to withdraw a complaint he had lodged with the Office of the Ombudsperson for Human Rights (Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos); that the brothers Mendoza Monterroso were in hiding out of security considerations; that their family members have been threatened; and that in October 2006 Ms. Maria Elena Navas, the wife of José Alfredo Mendoza Monterroso, had been kidnapped and received death threats. The Commission asked the Guatemalan State to adopt the measures necessary for guaranteeing the life and physical integrity of the beneficiaries, and to report on the actions taken to investigate judicially the facts that gave rise to the precautionary measures. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiaries' situation.