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35. On August 20, 2007 the IACHR granted precautionary in favor of Marcos Bonifacio Castillo, a member of the Garifuna community of Punta Piedras. The information available indicates that members of that community have been subjected to threats and attacks by inhabitants of the community of Río Miel, and that on June 11, 2007, Mr. Félix Ordóñez Suazo was assassinated. The beneficiary was said to have been an eyewitness to that homicide, for which he was said to have received death threats. It is noted that the attacks on members of the Garifuna community of Punta Piedras were reported to the local authorities, who are said not to have intervened to forestall new confrontations. The Commission asked the Honduran State to take the measures needed to guarantee the life and physical integrity of the beneficiary, and to report on the actions taken to investigate judicially the assassination of Mr. Ordóñez Suazo and the death threats received by Mr. Marcos Bonifacio Castillo. The Commission continues to monitor the beneficiary's situation.