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On Nov. 4, Irma Rivera told reporters that on Sunday about a dozen men dressed in military fatigues killed three of her relatives and a fourth civilian near El Junquillo, Olancho department. Rivera said the assailants surrounded her village on the night of Nov. 2 and then proceeded to kidnap the victims. Local residents discovered the victims' bodies during a search the following morning. The four had been shot to death, and three were handcuffed. Rivera said she had no clues on motive for the murders. Capt. Cesar Somoza, spokesperson for the Public Security Force (FUSEP), asserted that police investigations failed to produce evidence of involvement of military personnel in the incident. According to Somoza, ballistic reports indicated that the weapons used in the killings were different from those issued by the army. In addition, he said, the handcuffs found on the bodies were not standard-issue police equipment. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/04/91)

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