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In statements to reporters on Nov. 9, Lino Hernandez, president of the independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (CPDH), said results of a commission investigation indicated that police were responsible for the Nov. 8 death of Edgard Balladares Flores. According to Hernandez, Balladares Flores was arrested by police in Leon for "disturbing the peace." Four days later police delivered his cadaver to relatives telling them that he had died from "alcohol withdrawal syndrome." Hernandez said CPDH investigators found evidence that Balladares had been beaten. The Commission has turned the case over to Interior Ministry authorities for further investigation. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 12/09/91)

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