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	(b)(2),(b)(Camp Ramadi, Iraq/110CT05 (Co	py All)	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. On 100CT05 NCIS Det Camp Blue Diamond, Iraq was notified of allegations of a detainee death in the Ar Ramadi area of operation (AO). This area of operation is comprised of multiple U.S. Marine Corps, Navy and Army units under USMC Command. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) SJA 2MARDIV, requested NCIS investigate the allegation of murder brought forward by two self proclaimed insurgents. The two insurgents alleged that U.S. Army National Guard soldiers detained them and the deceased after they were observed emplacing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the roadway within the Tammin area of, Ar Ramdai, Iraq. Moreover, they alleged that the deceased was told by U.S. soldiers to walk away and as he did several soldiers killed him for no reason by shooting him in the back.
- 2. On 110CT05 Reporting Agent (RA) and Participating Agent (PA) convoyed to Camp Ramadi, Iraq and conducted interviews and interrogation with all parties involved. The soldiers involved provided sworn statements indicating that the deceased attempted to flee prior to allowing a search of his person. Fearing that the deceased possessed a weapon and/or an initiator for the IEDs discovered in his vehicle, soldiers engaged and killed the fleeing insurgent. All seven soldiers questioned denied the allegation that the deceased was told to simply walk away. The deceased was left in the street per the unit's standard operating procedure. No medical facilities in the area had any information regarding the deceased.
- 3. On 110CT05 the two detainees alleging this crime were interviewed with the use of a Department of Defense interpreter. Both detainees gave conflicting versions of what transpired leading up to the shooting. Moreover, the detainees ultimately admitted that they did not observe the shooting therefore, were unable to validate their allegations.
- 4. Dased on the information gleaned from multiple interviews and interrogations the allegations of murder were unfounded. On 120CT05 RA presented the findings to (b)(6),(b)(7)(who concurred that the soldiers acted with the appropriate rules of engagement. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated the investigation would be endorsed by the Commanding General, 2MARDIV and forwarded to MNF-W per MNC-I LOAC reporting requirements.

NARRATIVE

- 1. This investigation was initiated on 100CT05 pursuant to alleged violations of UCMJ Article 118, Murder.
- On 100CT05 MEBJ/NCIS Det Camp Blue Diamond, Iraq was notified by (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, SJA 2MARDIV, regarding a detainee death which

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occurred on 090CT05 (b)(6),(b)(7)(forwarded information and copies of sworn statements given by soldiers of Alpha Company 3rd Battalion 172th Infantry Regiment, United States Army National Guard stationed at Camp Ramadi, Iraq. The documentation sent b(b)(6),(b)(7)(provided limited information regarding the facts of the incident wherein an Iraqi civilian was shot and killed by soldiers conducting patrols in the city of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. (b)(6),(b)(7) requested NCIS assist in investigating allegations of murder voiced by two detainees who witnessed the incident. Reports provided by the soldiers involved indicated that V/SERHAN and two detainees were apprehended moments after emplacing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the streets of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. The reports also indicated that V/SERHAN was uncooperative and was shot and killed while attempting to flee. Exhibit (1) pertains.

- 3. On 100CT05 Reporting Agent (RA) effected liaison with three U.S. military medical facilities in the Ar Ramadi area of operation: Base Aid Station, Camp Blue Diamond; Charlie Company Medical Corps, Camp Ramadi; and a representative of the Joint Civilian Commission (JCC) operating from the Government Center in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. RA inquired about the whereabouts of the deceased Iraqi insurgent, V/SERHAN, however no information was available. None of the aforementioned facilities had any knowledge regarding the incident in question or V/SERHAN. Exhibit (2) pertains.
- 4. Due to logistical constraints and insurgent activity in the area, RA was unable to convoy to Camp Ramadi until 110CT05. On 110CT05 RA and Participating Agent (PA), SA(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) convoyed to Camp Ramadi and met with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USA 2/28 BCT Command Judge Advocate (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided additional information regarding the incident and introduced Special Agents (SAs) t(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) ARNG, Executive Officer of Taskforce 1/172 Armor. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) provided RA with Taskforce Saber Mission Checklist which included the names of soldiers involved in the incident in question. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) also made all personnel involved available for interviews/interrogations. Exhibit (3) pertains.

On 110CT05 RA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)indicated that he was one of several soldiers who fired his weapon at V/SERHAN. RA advised (b)(6),(b)(7)(of his Article 31b Rights and subsequently he signed a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Cleansing Waiver of Right form appended as Exhibit (4). (b)(6), (b)(7)(gave a sworn statement indicating that his patrol was notified by an outpost that three persons were observed emplacing potential IEDs in the roadway within the Tammin area of Ar Ramadi, Iraq. (b)(6),(b)(7) and his patrol were in the area and stopped a vehicle described by soldiers from the outpost. Once the vehicle was stopped, the occupants were challenged at gunpoint and ordered to exit the vehicle. As(b)(6),(b)(7)(approached the vehicle he noticed rifles and IED components in the back seat (b)(6),(b)(7)(alerted members of his patrol unit and all occupants were pulled out of the vehicle. (b)(6),(b)(7)(was responsible for searching V/SERHAN for weapons and/or potential initiators for the IEDs in the vehicle. As (b)(6),(b)(7)(



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ordered V/SERHAN to turn around in order to perform a search of his person, V/SERHAN became uncooperative and began grabbing for the barrel of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) weapon. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) yelled at V/SERHAN to get off his rifle at which time V/SERHAN grabbed the rifle one last time and moved it enough to escape. V/SERHAN began running away from the convoy and according $t_c(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)$ ept his hands concealed near his waist (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) feared that V/SERHAN might be armed or in possession of an IED initiator and fired his rifle multiple times until V/SERHAN collapsed in the roadway. According $t_c(b)(6),(b)(7)$, V/SERHAN's body was subsequently searched however, no weapons or initiators were recovered. V/SERHAN's body was left in the roadway while the two remaining detainees were secured and transported back to Camp Ramadi. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that leaving the deceased in the roadway was in accordance with the unit's standard operating procedure (SOP). Exhibit (5) pertains.

6. On 110CT05 RA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he fired his weapon at V/SERHAN
and RA advised him of his Article 31b Rights. Subsequently(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)
signed a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Cleansing Waiver of
Right form appended as Exhibit (6) (b)(6),(b)(7)(provided a sworn
statement indicating that once the suspect vehicle, a black Opel, was
stopped and the occupants were outside of the vehicle, he heard
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C yelling at V/SERHAN to get off his weapon. Within seconds
(b)(6),(b)(7)(C observed V/SERHAN attempting to flee. Not sure of what
happened, (b)(6),(b)(7) observed (b)(6),(b)(7) fire his weapon at V/SERHAN
and he did the same (b)(6),(b)(7) stated that he fired his weapon
multiple times. Exhibit (7) pertains.

7. On 110CT05 PA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)stated that he fired his weapon at V/SERHAN and PA advised him of his Article 31b Rights. Subsequently (b)(6),(b)(7)signed a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Cleansing Waiver of Right form appended as Exhibit (8) (b)(6),(b)(7) gave a sworn statement indicating that his patrol intercepted and stopped the vehicle in question. Moments after dismounting his HMMWV(b)(6),(b)(7)(noticed weapons inside the suspect vehicle. The occupants were ordered out of the vehicle and V/SERHAN was uncooperative. According to (b)(6),(b)(7)V/SERHAN would not allow (b)(6),(b)(7)(to search his person and attempted to flee the area (b)(6),(b)(7)(observed V/SERHAN running away and became concerned that V/SERHAN might possess an initiator for the IEDs in the wahicle which if detonated might kill everyone in his unit. (b)(6),(b)(7) stated that he fired his weapon several time striking V/SERHAN in the head at least once. Exhibit (9) pertains.

8. On 110CT05 PA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)During the initial stages of the interview (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that he used the butt of his weapons to strike one of the detainees during the incident in question. PA terminated the interview and a short time later RA advised (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) of his 31b Rights regarding potential violation of UCMJ Article 128, Assault Consummated by a Battery. Following the advisement (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) signed a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Cleansing Waiver of

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Rights form appended as Exhibit (10). Subsequently, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)provided a sworn statement indicating that on 090CT05 while patrolling the Tammin area of Ar Ramadi, Iraq his unit stopped a suspect vehicle (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he was tasked with securing and searching the driver for weapons, explosives and IED components. The driver was uncooperative and in an attempt not to loose control of him (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)struck the detainee with his right fist in the face. The detainee continued attempting to free himself of (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)grip as V/SERHAN attempted to flee. According to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)once the gunfire began, his detainee attempted to flee in the opposite direction. In order to stop him, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)sed the butt of his rifle to regain control of the detainee. The detainee was struck once in the side of his head and stopped resisting. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)stated that he did not discharge his weapon. Exhibit (11) pertains.

9. On 110CT05 PA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that on 09OCT05 during routine patrol of the Tammin area of Ar Ramadi, Iraq his unit received radio traffic advising them of a suspect vehicle. Shortly after the transmission his unit spotted and stopped the vehicle. As he dismounted his HMMWV (b)(6),(b)(7)(observed rifles inside the suspect vehicle. While attempting to control one of the occupants, SPC noticed that (b)(6),(b)(7) was dealing with an uncooperative subject (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he only heard V/SERHAN being engaged but did not observe the shooting. According to (b)(6) (b)(6),(b) once V/SERHAN was presumed dead, the unit was reluctant to approach the body fearing that V/SERHAN might possess an initiator for the IEDs recovered from the suspect vehicle. Exhibit (12) pertains.

10. On 11OCT05 PA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)(b)(6),(b)(7)(stated that on 090CT05 his unit was conducting a routine patrol of the Tammin area of Ar Ramadi, Iraq when they received radio transmissions alerting them of a black Opel. Shortly after the transmission the unit intercepted and forced the black Opel to stop. tated that he was manning his gun in the turret of the HMMWV (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that other members of his unit dismounted the two HMMWVs and ordered the occupants of the black Opel to exit the vehicle. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that he was focusing on the rooftops of the buildings surrounding them and was not paying attention to what was going on with the rest of the unit (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)some commotion and observed soldiers shorting at one of the insurgents as he was attempting to flee (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)stated that he was unsure which soldiers discharged their weapons. Exhibit (13) pertains.

11. On 110CT05 PA interviewed (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated that on 09OCT05 his unit was conducting routine patrols of the Tammin area of Ar Ramadi, Iraq when they received radio transmissions from an observation post (OP) regarding a suspect vehicle. Within moments the vehicle was located and forced to stop. As members of his until dismounted the HMMWV, SPC remained inside the vehicle to operate the "CROW" weapons system. According to (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) once the



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- 12. Subsequent to the interviews, RA followed (b)(6),(b)(to his living quarters and met with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)provided RA with five digital photographs depicting V/SERHAN after he was shot and killed. In addition he provided RA with one digital photograph depicting the IED components and weapons along with the two detainees who were with V/SERHAN at the time they were apprehended on 090CT05; (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)detainee (b)(2), and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(2),(b Exhibit (15) pertains.
- 13. On 110CT05 RA and PA met with (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)an interrogator at the Camp Ramadi, Iraq detention center (b)(6),(b)(7)(was the first person to interrogate (b)(6),(b)() and (b)(6),(b) when they arrived on 090CT05. Both detainees admitted to emplacing IEDs in the roadway in the city of Ar Ramadi. Furthermore, both detainees stated that V/SERHAN was told to walk away by one of the soldiers and then shot in the back. Exhibit (16) pertains.
- 14. On 110CT05(b)(6),(b)(7)(joined RA and PA during interviews of the two detainees regarding the incident. The detainees were interviewed individually and gave conflicting stories as to what happened on 090CT05 leading up to V/SERHAN's death. One detainee stated that V/SERHAN was told to walk away in Arabic while the other said that the soldier spoke in English. Further discussions revealed that neither detainee observed what actually happened because they were concerned with talking their way out of being detained, one blaming the other (b)(6)(b)(7)(confirmed that the descriptions of events provided by both detainees on 110CT05 were significantly different from the versions given on 090CT05. Exhibits (17) and (18) pertain.
- 15. On 120CT05 RA advised (b)(6),(b)(7)(of the findings in the investigation. RA advised that based on multiple interrogations and interviews of the soldiers and detainees, the soldiers acted within the rules of engagement. (b)(6),(b)(7)(concurred with RA's findings and indicated the investigation would be endorsed by the Commanding General, 2MARDIV and forwarded to MNF-W per MNC-I LOAC reporting requirements. Exhibit (19) pertains. All investigative efforts are complete. This case is closed.

PARTICIPANT(S) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Special Agent, NCIS Det Camp Blue Diamond, Iraq

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