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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (INTERIM)

30AUG07

DEATH (II)

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V/ABDAL, AHMAD KHALAF/CIV  
M/W/FNIQ/N//01JAN47/SYRIA  
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A/KHALAF, SHABAHMAD//  
A/MASHADAL, AHMED KHALAF ABDAL//

COMMAND/3D BATTALION, 14TH MARINES (FWD) CAMP AL ASAD IRAQ/81233

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## REFERENCE(S)

- (A) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/25Feb07 (Contains Exhibits 1-27)
- (B) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/13Mar07
- (C) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/27Apr07 (Contains Exhibit 28)
- (D) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/01Jun07
- (E) NCISRA Iraq, Camp Al Asad, Iraq ROI (INTERIM)/19Jul07 (Contains Exhibits 29-33)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 03Jan07, at approximately 1810, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), USMC, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Regimental Combat Team 7 (RCT-7), Camp Ripper, Al Asad, Iraq, advised a detainee had died during an interrogation with a Human Exploitation Team (HET) member at the Regional Detention Facility (RDF) aboard Camp Al Asad Air Base. Upon arriving at the Camp Al Asad Air Base Hospital (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) MC, USN, advised V/ABDAL died. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Spined V/ABDAL died from cardiopulmonary arrest. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated he noted no external injuries to V/ABDAL but did report V/ABDAL may have had ribs broken during Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Interviews were conducted with hospital personnel, fire rescue and RDF Marine personnel who attempted to revive to V/ABDAL. Photographic documentation was taken of the death scene and of V/ABDAL at the hospital and Mortuary Affairs. Statements were obtained from the HET interrogator (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, and the Linguist (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), who were present when V/ABDAL collapsed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL never indicated he was in pain or feeling ill during the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that after approximately thirty minutes into the interrogation, V/ABDAL appeared to have fainted. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reached out to steady him the (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) laid him on the ground on his left side while (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) went to get help. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) noted V/ABDAL was grinding his teeth at one point in the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL was "snoring" when he collapsed. Two video tapes of the interrogation were seized and reviewed with no discrepancies noted from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) statements. The final autopsy report from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Dover, DE identified the cause of death as "atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and mitral valve prolapse with annular calcification", and manner of death as "undetermined". On 22Aug07,

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after reviewing additional investigative material AFIP changed the manner of death from undetermined to natural. References (A) through (E) reported all previous investigative endeavors. This case is pending receipt of the updated autopsy from AFIP.

**NARRATIVE**

1. This investigation is being conducted to document the events surrounding V/ABDAL's death. No statutes apply at this time.

2. On 01Aug07, the two video tapes of V/ABDAL's interrogation were forwarded to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), NCIS AFIP Representative, for review by AFIP. On 22Aug07, AFIP reviewed the video tapes of V/ABDAL's interrogation. After reviewing the video tapes the manner of death was changed from undetermined to natural.

3. On 30Aug07, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, SJA, 2DMAW and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Task Force MP, Camp Al Asad, Iraq, were briefed on the status of this investigation. This investigation is pending receipt of updated autopsy results from AFIP.

**PARTICIPANTS**

(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) Special Agent, NCIS AFIP Rep., NCISHQ

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**EXHIBIT**

- (1) IA: Receipt of Detainee Documents and Seizure of Video Tapes of Interview Booth/21Feb07... (Copy 023B)
- (2) IA: Results of Video Tape Review/24Feb07... (Copy 023B)

**NARRATIVE**

1. At 1810, 03Jan07, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), Regimental Combat Team 7 (RCT-7), USMC, Camp Ripper, Al Asad, Iraq, notified NCIS Al Asad, Iraq, of a detainee death that occurred during an interrogation with a Human Exploitation Team (HET) member. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) advised the death occurred at the Regional Detention Facility (RDF) aboard Al Asad Air Base. Upon arriving at the Al Asad Air Base Hospital, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) MC, USN, advised V/ABDAL died, in his opinion, due to cardiopulmonary arrest. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated he noted no external injuries to V/ABDAL but did report V/ABDAL may have had ribs broken during Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Interviews were conducted with hospital, fire rescue and RDF Marine personnel who attended to V/ABDAL. Photographic documentation was taken of the death scene and of V/ABDAL at the hospital and Mortuary Affairs. Statements were obtained from the HET interrogator, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) USMC, and the Linguist, (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) who were present when V/ABDAL collapsed. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL never indicated he was in pain or feeling ill during the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated that after approximately thirty minutes into the interrogation, V/ABDAL appeared to have fainted. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) reached out to steady him then (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) laid him on the ground and on his left side while (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) went to get help. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) noted V/ABDAL was grinding his teeth at one point in the interrogation. (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) stated V/ABDAL was "snoring" when he collapsed. Two video tapes of the interrogation were seized and reviewed with no discrepancies noted from (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) and (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) statements, exhibits (1) and (2).

2. On 30Jul07, coordination was made with SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) NCIS Representative AFIP. SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) indicated the Medical Examiner was willing to review the two video tapes of the interrogation to assist him determining the Manner of Death for V/ABDAL.

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R.023B: Utilizing exhibits (1) and (2), along with the two video tapes of the interrogation, coordinate with the AFIP Medical Examiner who conducted V/ABDAL's autopsy. Request the Medical Examiner review the exhibits and video tapes to further assist him in determining the Manner of Death for V/ABDAL. The video tapes will be shipped via registered mail, #RB862577149US, to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C), Armed Forces Medical Examiner, 1413 Research BLVD, BLDG 102, Rockville, MD 20850. Any questions should be addressed to SA (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) DSN 318-3411-303 or (b)(6),(b)(7)(C)@aa.mnf-wiraq.usmc.mil

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INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

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M/W/FNIZ/N//01JAN47/SYRIA

**RECEIPT OF DETAINEE DOCUMENTS AND SEIZURE OF VIDEO TAPES OF INTERVIEW BOOTH**

1. On 03Jan07, at approximately 2105, Reporting Agent (RA) obtained the detainee medical history of V/ABDAL, forms 509 of checks conducted, and two (2) video tapes from (b)(6).(b)(7)(C), USMC, Commander, Regional Detention Facility (RDF), Al Asad, Iraq. The medical history of V/ABDAL showed he suffered from Hypertension, stomach ulcers and proctitis. Records revealed V/ABDAL had been prescribed Cipro (500mg), Captopril (25mg) and Zantac (150mg) and had been receiving these medications twice a day at approximately 0800 and 2000, since V/ABDAL had been processed in at the RDF on 25Dec06, until his death on 03Jan07. Medical history shows V/ABDAL's blood pressure was checked at least once a day during this time period, Enclosure (A) pertains.

2. On 04Jan07, a review of the 509 records of detainee checks conducted from 25Dec06 to 03Jan07, revealed V/ABDAL left his cell for an interrogation box at approximately 1647, on 03Jan07, Enclosure (B) provides amplifying information. RA obtained two (2) video tapes used to record the interrogation of V/ABDAL at the time of his death. Video tapes were submitted into NCIS Al Asad evidence custody under log number 001-07.

**ENCLOSURE(S)**

- (A) RDF Medical History for V/ABDAL/25Dec06
- (B) RDF 24 Hour observation sheet for V/ABDAL/25Dec06-03Jan07

REPORTED BY: (b)(6).(b)(7)(C) SPECIAL AGENT  
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