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78th MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT (CID) (FWD) 3rd MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CID) UNITED STATES ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND BAGHDAD, IZ APO AE 09342

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: (U) CID REPORT OF INVESTIGATION - CORRECTED/ INITIAL/ FINAL/ SSI -0171-04-CID259-80223-/5H6

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS OF OCCURRENCES:

(U) 17 MAY 2004/0001 HRS - 17 MAY 2004/2400 HRS; HOUSE#12, STREET 4, DISTRICT 759, BAGHDAD, IZ

DATE/TIME REPORTED: (U) 18 JUN 2004, 0900 HRS

INVESTIGATED BY: (U) SA SA

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SUBJECT: 1. (U) (NONE); [JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE]

VICTIM: 1. (U) AL-BAWI, SAJED KADHIM BORI; HOUSE#12, STREET 4, DISTRICT 759, BAGHDAD, IZ, CIV; M; C; (NFI) [JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE]

### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

- (U) This is an Operation Iraqi Freedom investigation.
- (U) On 18 Jun 04, this office received a Request for Investigation (RFI) from the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, Fort Belvoir, VA, to conduct an investigation into the
- (U) Investigation established probable cause to believe person(s) unknown operated within the parameters of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) for that unit, by shooting Mr. AL-BAWI when he grabbed the M-4 rifle from the soldier and moved the selector switch from safe to semi when the soldier attempted to detain him at his residence during a raid.

#### STATUTES:

(U) Article 134, UCMJ: Justifiable Homicide

EXHIBITS/SUBSTANTIATION:

ATTACHED:

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- 1. (U) Agent's Investigation Report (AIR) of SA 26 Jun 04, detailing the receipt of the Request for Investigation; coordination with 5th Group SF, SJA and 3rd Group CID SJA; and the receipt of the AR 15-6 investigation.
- 2. (S) AR 15-6, pertaining to Mr. AL-BAWI, received on 18 Jun 04 (USACRC and file copies

#### NOT ATTACHED:

- (U) None.
- (U) The original of Exhibit 1 is forwarded with USACRC copy of this report.
- (S) The original of Exhibit 2 is maintained in the files of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group,

STATUS: (U) This is an Initial/ Final Report. This investigation is terminated in accordance with CIDR 195-1, Chapter 4-17 (a)(6), the Special Agent in Charge determined further of the investigation would be of little or no value.

Report Prepared By: (U)

b7e-1,66-1 (U) Special Agent.

Report Approved By: (U)

(U) Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS OF OCCURRENCES:

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DATE/TIME REPORTED: 18 JUN 2004, 0900 HRS

INVESTIGATED BY: SA

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SUBJECT: 1. (NONE); [JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE]

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STATUTES:

Article 134, UCMJ: Justifiable Homicide

**EXHIBITS/SUBSTANTIATION:** 

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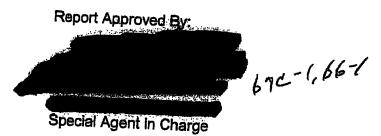
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STATUS: This is an Initial/ Final Report. This investigation is terminated in accordance with CIDR 195-1, Chapter 4-17 (a)(6), the Special Agent in Charge determined further of the investigation would be of little or no value.

Report Prepared By:

676-166-1 Special Agent, 5817



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Basis for Investigation: This investigation was initiated based on receipt of RFI 0282-04-CID001, which requested this office initiate an investigation in reference to the death of Mr. Sajid KADHIM.

About 1000, 18 Jun 04, SA Coordinated with 1LT Legal Legal Advisor, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, Baghdad international Airport (BIAP), APO AE 09342, who briefed the aspects of the incident and provided a copy of the 15-6 investigation.

About 1010, 18 Jun 04, SA reviewed the 15-6 investigation pertaining to the incident, which reflected Mr. KADHIM was shot when he engaged in a struggle with a soldier and resisted apprehension. Mr. KADHIM attempted to gain control of the soldier's M4 Carbine rifle, while entangled with the soldier, and the soldier fired his pistol five times at Mr. KADHIM to nullify the threat to himself and the other soldiers. 5<sup>th</sup> Group SJA opined that it was reasonable for the soldier to believe that Mr. and add committed a hostile act and had 67e-4,66-44 further hostile intent (See 15-6).

About 1130, 18 Jun 04, this office provided a copy of the 15-6 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> MP Battalion Operations Officer who would send a copy to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Group SJA for legal opine.

About 1500, 28 Jun 04, this office received an opine from CPT and the soldier committed justifiable homicide and acted within the limits of his Rules of Engagement (ROE).///LAST ENTRY///

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Date: 28 Jun 04 Exhibit:

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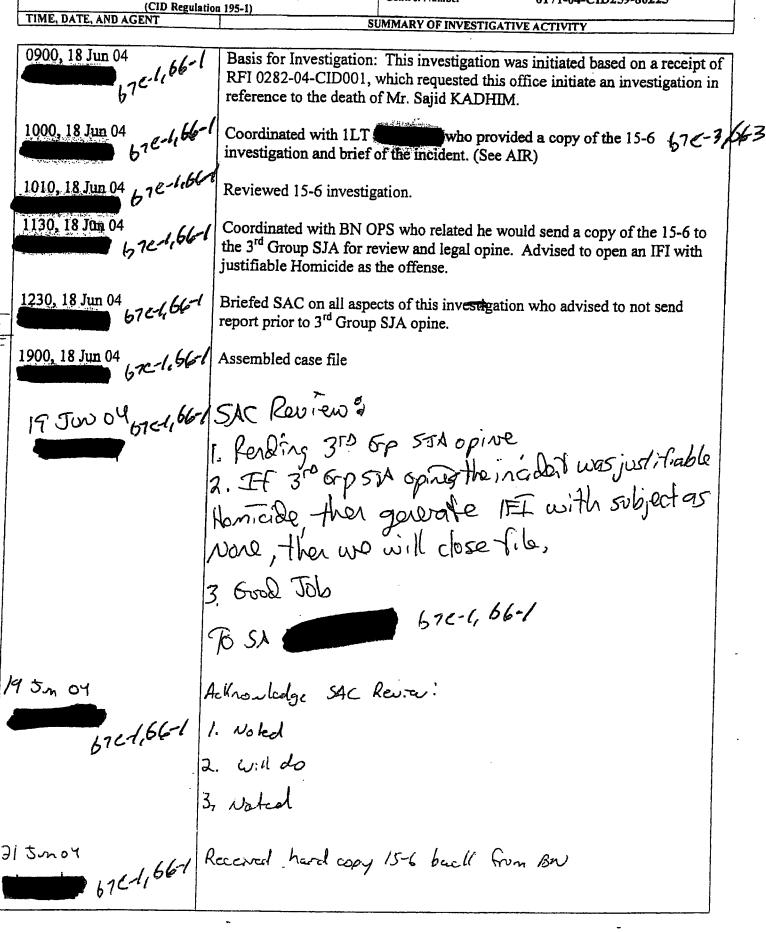
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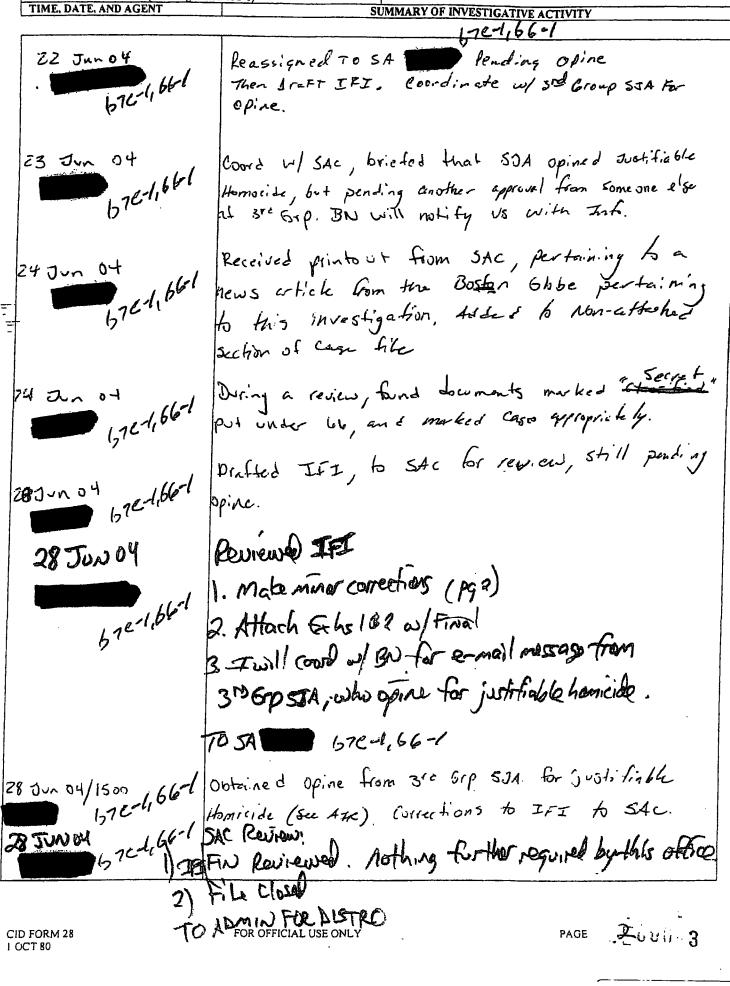
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### CW2 MNC-I Special Agent to Chage

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Please call if you have questions.

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Respectfully,

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Criminal Intelligence Coordinator

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676-1,66-1 CW2 MNC-I Special Agent to Chage 676-1,66-1 CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer From: Monday, June 28, 2004 3:27 PM Sent: To: CW2 (E-mail) FW: 15-6 for Review Subject: 67E-1,66-1 ----Original Message From: 26, 2004 12:18 AM Sent: CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer To: Subject: Chief: Both I and OPS say good shoot.

CPT 67 67 67 6781,661 -Original Message CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer From: Sent: cheschy June 23, 2004 11:27 PM CPT To: 676-2166-2 RE: 15-6 for Review Subject: Sir, We would like to write this case, hopefully justifiable. Thanks for the assistance. Anything on this from Mr. On a side note, I received your responce on the CCCI issue. Thanks on that also. 676-2166-2 VR 678-1.66-1 ----Original Message From: Tuesday, June 22, 2004 9:13 PM Sent: CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer Subject: RE: 15-6 for Review Chief: I just reviewed. I am waiting on OPS as my OPS wants to review before we give you our "official" position. I also see a good shoot. I will let you know what ops says asap. 670-2,66-2

CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer 676-1166-1 -----Original Message-From: Friday, June 18, 2004 8:27 AM Sent: (E-mail) To: CPT 2) (E-mail) 57C-2,66-2 15-6 for Review Cc: CW5 Subject: 67E-2,66-2

Could you please review this 15-6. This is an RFI on an alleged bad shoot. We see good shoot and so does SJA, 5th SF. We want your opinion to get someone out of the chain of command. しじひ キャガ

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Respectfully,

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY **U. S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND** 6010 6TH STREET FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060-5506

ATTENTION OF

CIOP-CO

S: 30 Jul 04 15 Jun 04

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 3rd Military Police Group (CID), USACIDC (ATTN: CIRC-OP), 4699 North 1st Street, Forest Park, GA 30297

SUBJECT: Request for Investigation (0282-04-CID001)

- 1. On 15 Jun 04, this office received information from the Detainee Assessment Task Force. USACIDC, Ft Belvoir, VA, regarding an alleged incident in which Mr Sajid Kadhim was murdered by US forces. The information is documented in the attached Washington Post article, dated June 15, 2004.
- 2. Request a Report of Investigation be initiated concerning the information reflected above.
- 3. Request acknowledgment of this RFI no later than 22 Jun 04. Further, request the sequence/report of investigation (ROI) number of the investigation no later than 29 Jun 04. A response to this RFI, to include sequence/ROI number and the status of the investigation, will be forwarded to this headquarters, ATTN: CIOP-COP, no later than the above suspense date. If no ROI is initiated, that information will be provided to this headquarters. All correspondence will 67e-3,66-3 clearly identify the HQUSACIDC control number.

4. Point of contact for this action is CW3 abelvoir.army.mil.

at (703) 806- or

FOR THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3:

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CW5, MP

Chief, Investigative Operations Division

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### CW2 MNC-I Special Agent to Chage

From:

CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer

Sent:

Friday, June 18, 2004 12:25 PM

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To: Subject: CW2 MNC-I Special Agent to Chage

RE: Justifiable HOmicide Case

Sounds good to me.

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CW2 MNC-I Special Agent to Chage

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t: Justifiable HOmicide Case

Sir,

I would like to run the justifiable homicide case as None for Subject and listaine Iraqi Civilian for the victim as long as 3rd Group SJA agrees with Justifiable Homicide. Thanks.

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Special Agent In Charge 78th MP DET (CID) (FWD) Baghdad, Iraq APO AE 09342 670-1,66-1

CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer 674-2,66-From: - CW3 Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2004 9:06 PM To: CW4 MNC-I Operations Officer (E-mail) SFC MNC-I ZANIME IN OPS NCO (E-mail); CW3 CJTF7-22ND MP BN/FSO Cc: MAJ MNC-I BN 53 (E-mail) Subject: FW: RFI 0282-04-CID001

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22d OPNS: This new ROI requests ROI to be initiated based a media article which can be read at the hyper-link.

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Cc: 'Mr. (HQUSACIDC) ' (E-mail); @us.army.smil.mil'

Subject: RFI 0282-04-CID001

Gentlemen

Please find the attached RFI.

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Washington Post June 15, 2004 Pg. 13

# Family Seeks Justice In Case Of Iraqi Slain By U.S. Troops

By Jackie Spinner, Washington Post Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, June 14 — The first thing they heard was the crash from the Humvee pushing through the metal courtyard gate. Then two shots were fired into the tile at the entryway before a team of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi military guards burst into the house where Sajid Kadhim was sleeping in the front room with his wife and five children, his family recalled.

The soldiers rounded up other relatives scattered about the house and herded the women and children into a room with a colorful mural depicting a popular Iraqi play called "The Battle of Tuf." Sajid, a moderately well-known Baghdad actor, had played the role of the murdered brother of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad, in that play days earlier.

The power was out in Kamiliya, a suburb of Baghdad, in the early morning hours of May 17, when the soldiers came, the family said. So in the pitch black, they

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listened carefully. They heard the soldiers drag Sajid into the room where his mother slept. "Oh, you coward," they heard Sajid yell. Then there were shots.

The soldiers left, taking with them a hooded man they said was Sajid. But the family found the actor's body stuffed under some mats behind a refrigerator. He was dead. The U.S. military confirmed Friday that an American soldier had shot him.

When Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq, the family would have held the funeral, buried the dead and moved on with life. But Qasim Kadhim, Sajid's brother, said the Americans who toppled Hussein promised democracy and justice in a new Iraq. So he hired a lawyer, presented the case to a local neighborhood council that the U.S.-led occupation authority set up after the war and demanded that the military investigate. When days turned into weeks and he started to feel as if no one was listening, he went to the news media.

More than anything, Qasim wants to make sense of what this new justice was supposed to look like, he said in an interview. "All the criminals of the first regime were arrested," he said. "They didn't kill any of them. What happened to my brother was a crime. This was an execution of a civilian in his house.

"But who was the judge? Who defended the suspect? Where is the democracy? Where is the freedom that a person can be killed without a court, without an investigation?"

In a statement issued Friday that did not name Sajid Kadhim but that a military spokesman said referred to his case, the U.S. military said an informant led them to Sajid with information that he "bragged to his neighbors about murdering a 1st Cavalry soldier at a checkpoint."

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"During the raid, the Iraqi attempted to grab the weapon of a U.S. soldier, who shot and killed him," the statement said. "Until the investigation is complete, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

As an occupying army, U.S. military personnel stationed in Iraq have had immunity from Iraqi law since U.S.-led forces took over the country in April of last year.

Family members, neighbors and fellow actors said Sajid was a peaceful, law-abiding man who supported the U.S. presence in Iraq. They said he was a religious moderate and a member of a local security league that spoke out against the violence that has gripped this country in recent months.

Qasim said when he first went to the U.S. military to find out what had happened to his brother, a captain apologized and told him the killing was an accident. The captain asked Qasim to return with letters of support vouching for his brother, Qasim said.

Qasim got letters from the Iraqi Theater Union, from local government leaders and from sheiks. "Sajid was one of the notable figures of the Kamiliya neighborhood," said a letter from the National Front of the Iraqi Tribes. "He used to stick to law and order. He used to hold several meetings to fight terrorism and chaos, helping people and telling them not to fight the coalition forces." A letter from Abdul Redha Sheik Muhsin Egeili, the chief of the Union of Notable Figures of the Zahraa, Ghadeer and Hussein neighborhoods, called Sajid "the dove of peace."

Qasim said he returned with the letters to Camp Falcon, the U.S. base closest to the neighborhood and the one responsible for security in this part of Baghdad. This time the captain told Qasim that his brother had resisted arrest, he said.

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The official report from the morgue said Sajid was shot five times, once in the leg, once in the throat, once in the armpit and twice in the chest.

In the room where Sajid died, his brothers Haider and Jawad showed the holes in the wall and floor where the bullets struck after passing through Sajid's body.

The electricity was out again, and the soft light from a broken window created shadows on the walls as the brothers reenacted the scene to show how they had been placed.

They had been tied up in the kitchen across a dim hallway, forced to kneel on the tile, their foreheads pressed against the cold cement wall. They were there when they heard the shots that killed their brother, Haider and Jawad said.

Haider said that when he heard the shots, he asked if his brother had been killed. He said a soldier told them they were just checking the gun that Haider had brought to them, the Kalashnikov assault rifle that Sajid kept upstairs to protect his family. Haider said the soldier then struck him in the head with the butt of his gun, leaving a wound that had to be stitched.

In a video of Sajid's funeral procession on May 20, Haider can be seen in front. striking his head and his hands in a gesture of mourning. A blood-spotted bandage around his head covers the wound that was visible as a scar last week.

Sajid's coffin, borrowed from a local mosque, is shown draped in the Iraqi flag, the sign of a martyr.

U.S. soldiers had been to this neighborhood before, the family and neighbors said, but there had been few clashes between residents and the troops. "It was very quiet," said Nasr Kadhim, another of Sajid's brothers, who lives next door. "When they used to come, they used to knock on the door, and they would take the family outside, search the house and then leave."

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One of the things that bothers Qasim the most, he said, is the way in which his brother died, killed at home with his wife and children in the next room.

"Saddam was a tyrant, but he did not commit such an inhumane crime," Qasim said. "This happened in the quietness of night, which goes against our values and the religious values of Moses and Jesus and Muhammad."

Even if the Americans believed that his brother was guilty, he did not deserve to die without having a chance to defend himself, Qasim said. This is the irony of the new justice that he cannot comprehend.

"This crime happened after Abu Ghraib and after the apology of President Bush," Qasim said, referring to the scandal in which U.S. soldiers were accused of abusing Iraqi detainees in their custody. "We wish for the American press to publish the truth, for the American society to see this."

Sajid's eldest son, Ali, 12, stood by his uncle's side as he talked. The women of the household sat on rugs around the perimeter of the room, fanning themselves with pieces of cardboard. Sajid's widow, completely covered in black, including her face and hands, tried to comfort her youngest child, 1-year-old Abbas.

"He was the source of our living," Ali said of his father. "Why did they do that?

Even Saddam didn't kill a person in front of his children."

Ali said he used to like the U.S. soldiers, that he felt safer when they were around.

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### Family Seeks Justice In Case Of Iraqi Slain By U.S. Troops

By Jackie Spinner, Washington Post Staff Writer

BAGHDAD, June 14 -- The first thing they heard was the crash from the Humvee pushing through the metal courtyard gate. Then two shots were fired into the tile at the entryway before a team of U.S. soldiers and Iraqi military guards burst into the house where Sajid Kadhim was sleeping in the front room with his wife and five children, his family recalled.

The soldiers rounded up other relatives scattered about the house and herded the women and children into a room with a colorful mural depicting a popular Iraqi play cated "The Battle of Tuf." Sajid, a moderately well-known Baghdad actor, had played the role of the murdered brother of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad, in that play days earlier.

The power was out in Kamiliya, a suburb of Baghdad, in the early morning hours of May 17, when the soldiers came, the family said. So in the pitch black, they listened carefully. They heard the soldiers drag Sajid into the room where his mother slept. "Oh, you coward," they heard Sajid yell. Then there were shots.

The soldiers left, taking with them a hooded man they said was Sajid. But the family found the actor's body stuffed under some mats behind a refrigerator. He was dead. The U.S. military confirmed Friday that an American soldier had shot him.

When Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq, the family would have held the funeral, buried the dead and moved on with life. But Qasim Kadhim, Sajid's brother, said the Americans who toppled Hussein promised democracy and justice in a new Iraq. So he hired a lawyer, presented the case to a local neighborhood council that the U.S.-led occupation authority set up after the war and demanded that the military investigate. When days turned into weeks and he started to feel as if no one was listening, he went to the news media.

More than anything, Qasim wants to make sense of what this new justice was supposed to look like, he said in an interview. "All the criminals of the first regime were arrested," he said. "They didn't kill any of them. What happened to my brother was a crime. This was an execution of a civilian in his house.

"But who was the judge? Who defended the suspect? Where is the democracy? Where is the freedom that a person can be killed without a court, without an investigation?"

In a statement issued Friday that did not name Sajid Kadhim but that a military spokesman said referred to his case, the U.S. military said an informant led them to Sajid with information that he "bragged to his neighbors about murdering a 1st Cavalry soldier at a checkpoint."

"During the raid, the Iraqi attempted to grab the weapon of a U.S. soldier, who shot and killed him," the statement said. "Until the investigation is complete, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

As an occupying army, U.S. military personnel stationed in Iraq have had immunity from Iraqi law since U.S.-led forces took over the country in April of last year.

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Family members, neighbors and fellow actors said Sajid was a peaceful, law-abiding man who supported the U.S. presence in Iraq. They said he was a religious moderate and a member of a local security league that spoke out against the violence that has gripped this country in recent months.

Qasim said when he first went to the U.S. military to find out what had happened to his brother, a captain apologized and told him the killing was an accident. The captain asked Qasim to return with letters of support vouching for his brother, Qasim said.

Qasim got letters from the Iraqi Theater Union, from local government leaders and from sheiks. "Sajid was one of the notable figures of the Kamiliya neighborhood," said a letter from the National Front of the Iraqi Tribes. "He used to stick to law and order. He used to hold several meetings to fight terrorism and chaos, helping people and telling them not to fight the coalition forces." A letter from Abdul Redha Sheik Muhsin Egeili, the chief of the Union of Notable Figures of the Zahraa, Ghadeer and Hussein neighborhoods, called Sajid "the dove of peace."

Qasim said he returned with the letters to Camp Falcon, the U.S. base closest to the neighborhood and the one responsible for security in this part of Baghdad. This time the captain told Qasim that his brother had resisted arrest, he said.

The official report from the morgue said Sajid was shot five times, once in the leg, once in the throat, once in the armpit and twice in the chest.

In the room where Sajid died, his brothers Haider and Jawad showed the holes in the wall and floor where the bullets struck after passing through Sajid's body.

The electricity was out again, and the soft light from a broken window created shadows on the walls as the brothers reenacted the scene to show how they had been placed.

They had been tied up in the kitchen across a dim hallway, forced to kneel on the tile, their foreheads pressed against the cold cement wall. They were there when they heard the shots that killed their brother, Haider and Jawad said.

Haider said that when he heard the shots, he asked if his brother had been killed. He said a soldier told them they were just checking the gun that Haider had brought to them, the Kalashnikov assault rifle that Sajid kept upstairs to protect his family. Haider said the soldier then struck him in the head with the butt of his gun, leaving a wound that had to be stitched.

In a video of Sajid's funeral procession on May 20, Haider can be seen in front, striking his head and his hands in a gesture of mourning. A blood-spotted bandage around his head covers the wound that was visible as a scar last week.

Sajid's coffin, borrowed from a local mosque, is shown draped in the Iraqi flag, the sign of a martyr.

U.S. soldiers had been to this neighborhood before, the family and neighbors said, but there had been few clashes between residents and the troops. "It was very quiet," said Nasr Kadhim, another of Sajid's brothers, who lives next door. "When they used to come, they used to knock on the door, and they would take the family outside, search the house and then leave."

One of the things that bothers Qasim the most, he said, is the way in which his brother died, killed at home with his wife and children in the next room.

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"Saddam was a tyrant, but he did not commit such an inhumane crime," Qasim said. "This happened in the quietness of night, which goes against our values and the religious values of Moses and Jesus and Muhammad."

Even if the Americans believed that his brother was guilty, he did not deserve to die without having a chance to defend himself, Qasim said. This is the irony of the new justice that he cannot comprehend.

"This crime happened after Abu Ghraib and after the apology of President Bush," Qasim said, referring to the scandal in which U.S. soldiers were accused of abusing Iraqi detainees in their custody. "We wish for the American press to publish the truth, for the American society to see this."

Sajid's eldest son, Ali, 12, stood by his uncle's side as he talked. The women of the household sat on rugs around the perimeter of the room, fanning themselves with pieces of cardboard. Sajid's widow, completely covered in black, including her face and hands, tried to comfort her youngest child, 1-year-old Abbas.

"He was the source of our living," Ali said of his father. "Why did they do that? Even Saddam didn't kill a person in front of his children."

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I cut/pasted the below news article for easy read.

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This is additional information pertaining to RFI 0282-04

Boston Globe June 21, 2004 Pg. 1

Shooting Death Angers Iraqi Family

US tactics in raid raise concerns

By Thanassis Cambanis, Globe Staff

BAGHDAD -- American soldiers stormed into Sajid Kadhum Bouri al-Bawi's house three hours after midnight on May 17, breaking two doors and rousing the dozen children who live there.

An hour later, family members recalled, the soldiers led a hooded man from the house and told the family they were arresting Bawi. Only after the soldiers left with what appeared to be a prisoner did Bawi's brother find his bloodied body, shot five times and stuffed behind a refrigerator underneath a pile of mattresses.

The US Army is investigating the shooting, and admits that Bawi was shot and killed by an American when, according to the soldiers involved, he tried to seize a soldier's weapon.

Bawi's slaying during the kind of routine night raid that is the military's bread-and-butter counterinsurgency tactic raises questions about the control and supervision of soldiers on those raids, and the reliability of the local informants whose tips are often behind the arrest lists.

The events described by family members are chilling: They say Bawi was killed in his mother's bedroom during an interrogation, while soldiers banged on metal doors to dull the sound of the shots.

The soldiers then pretended they were detaining Bawi, according to several members of the family who were present, parading another man in a dishdasha,

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or robe, through the darkened house to trick the family into thinking that the head of the household was still alive.

Brigadier General Jeffery Hammond, the number two commander of the First Armored Cavalry Division, which patrols Baghdad, said the shooting was unlikely to have occurred as described by the family.

"We have too many lines of supervision on any operation we do," Hammond said. "It would be hard for me to believe that could happen."

In a terse statement released more than two weeks after Bawi's death, after repeated visits by his relatives to military officers stationed near the slum where his family lives, the military admitted the shooting and said it had officially opened an investigation.

"According to a source, the Iraqi was an anti-Iraqi forces operative who bragged to his neighbors about murdering a First Cavalry soldier at a checkpoint," the statement said.

Acting on the informant's tip, soldiers raided the house in Kamalaya, a mostly Shi'ite slum south of the Sadr City section of Baghdad.

"It is reported that during the raid, the Iraqi attempted to grab the weapon of a US soldier who shot and killed the subject," the statement said.

Through a spokesman, Hammond said it would be inappropriate to comment any further before the investigation was complete. It is not clear when that will be, nor has other information been disclosed regarding the identity of the unit or the names of the soldiers involved. In the past year, investigations into shootings by US troops have taken anywhere from a few weeks to several months.

It was not clear why the interrogation of Bawi took place in his house, rather than at an American base after his arrest.

The shooting, as recalled by a half-dozen family members present the night of the raid, has left deep scars on the family. The Bawis live in a two-story home on a narrow dirt lane just off the main road in Kamalaya. On the night of the raid, Bawi, his wife, and five children were sleeping in the front room, the only one with an air conditioner.

According to the family, US soldiers, accompanied by a translator, a group of Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers, and an informant -- hooded to mask his identity -- entered the house. They demanded to know where Bawi was, and the hulking man -- he was 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 265 pounds -- immediately identified himself.

Bawi was taken to an empty bedroom just behind the living room, family members said. The soldiers roused the families of two other brothers, who live in the same house. In a standard practice, they held the three other men in the house in the kitchen, and separately kept the women and children in the living room, where they sat on the mattresses in front of a

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wall-sized mural depicting the battle of Karbala, the signal event in the founding of Shi'ite Islam.

The soldiers found a machine gun in the upstairs bedroom belonging to Haidar Bawi, one of Bawi's brothers.

"I could only hear muffled sounds from the other room," said Wathiq Jawad Kadhum, 27, a nephew who was held in the kitchen during the roughly 45 minutes that soldiers interrogated his uncle in the bedroom.

Kadhum, his brother Muthanah Kadhum, and his uncle Haidar Bawi were handcuffed and kept on their knees at gunpoint, they said.

Several times, the translator and an American officer came to the kitchen and addressed the three men. "They said, Sajid is in the resistance, isn't he?" Wathiq Kadhum said. "They asked me, what do you do?"

About half an hour into the interrogation, Wathiq Kadhum and Muthanah Kadhum said they heard Bawi shout, "Oh, you bastard!" Then, they said, a series of gunshots rang out. A soldier kicked the metal door to the washroom, the family theorized, perhaps to mask the noise of the bullets.

The translator and officer came to the kitchen and told the relatives they had test-fired the confiscated weapon. Wathiq Kadhum said he demanded to know what happened.

"The translator told me, shut up, don't ask questions," he said. Someone -in the darkened kitchen, he could not tell who -- then hit him in the face
with the butt of a gun, he said. His forehead bears a seven-stitch scar, and
videotapes from his uncle's funeral show a bandage around his forehead with
a streak of blood.

"Anyone who moves, we'll kill him," Muthanah Kadhum said the translator told him.

Shortly before 4 a.m., the soldiers left, taking with them a hooded man wearing one of Bawi's white robes, family members said.

The family regrouped in the yard.

"It was ordinary. We thought they had taken Sajid and maybe they would return him within a month," said his brother Nasser Bawi, 36, who lives in the next-door house, which is separated from Bawi's by a 3-foot-wide alley. He had waited in front of the house during the raid with another brother, Oasim Bawi, 40, and with a group of neighbors.

"We were sure he was just arrested and would come back."

One neighbor brought wire cutters to remove the plastic cuffs binding the hands of the three men.

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When the power came back on, family members and neighbors filtered into the house to survey the mess and damage left from the soldiers' search -- cabinet doors askew, doors broken, bedding and clothes thrown to the floor.

That's when Hathima Hakim, Nasser Bawi's mother, saw a pair of feet protruding from under a mattress.

"It was as if the ceiling had opened up and dropped him," she said. She screamed: "It's Sajid!"

Nasser Bawi came running, thinking that American soldiers had brought his brother home.

"I found him soaked in blood," he said, breaking into sobs as he stood next to the same refrigerator that had partially hidden Bawi's body.

The coroner's report from the Baghdad Morgue, dated May 29, said Bawi had five bullet wounds: two in the torso, near the heart; two on his left side; and one in his right thigh.

Qasim Bawi represented the family in several visits to a nearby US base, the first one a few days after the funeral.

At an officer's request, he brought letters -- from neighborhood and tribal councils, from an Islamic charity, and from the actors' union -- attesting to Bawi's good character.

According to his brothers, Bawi, like the rest of the family, welcomed the United States as liberators. "When Saddam was captured, he hired a band for the neighborhood," Qasim Bawi said.

Family snapshots show Wathiq Kadhum, the brother with the forehead scar, frolicking in a waterfall last summer, his arm around a female US soldier.

Now the family lives in fear. The children said they can't sleep. Knocks at the door make the men jump.

Ali, at 11 the eldest of Bawi's children, said he has a recurrent nightmare in which he cannot find his family. "I don't go near the Americans anymore, because I'm afraid they will kill me," Ali said.

Bawi's relatives say they want an apology from the Army, a trial for the person who shot him, and only then, financial compensation.

Qasim and Nasser Bawi think the soldiers were tricked by an Iraqi informant who had a personal gripe against their slain brother, a well-known figure in the neighborhood who ran a business renting tents and chairs for funerals.

They do not have a guess as to who the informant was, but they refer to him as "Hassan," because one of the neighbors contends he heard an American soldier say, "No, Hassan," to the informant as they left the house.

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Less than a month before his death, Bawi starred as Abbas, a founding figure of Shi'ite Islam, in a Sadr City production.

His brothers scoffed at the allegation that Bawi had killed an American soldier, or that he fought the soldiers who were interrogating him during the raid. "He was so fat, he couldn't run," Nasser Bawi said. "How could he be in the resistance?"

With school over for the summer and their mother in mourning, Sajid Bawi's five children stay in the house all day. The women cry ritualistically, especially when visitors come. They refuse to clean a spot of blood on the wall where they say Bawi was shot, or replace a shattered windowpane, or move the refrigerator into its proper place.

"They think they have killed one man," Qasim Bawi said. "They have killed the whole family."

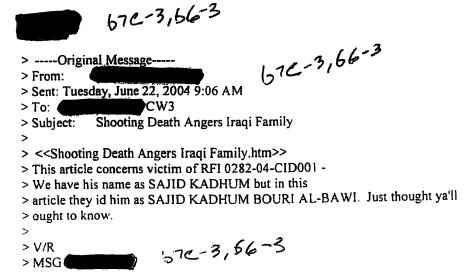
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