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[U] ALLEGATIONS OF WAR CRIMES - UNKNOWN LOCATIONS, IRAQ [USACIDC]: Selfinitiated. On 15 Apr 04, at the request of the commander, 3d Bde, 3d Inf Div, Ft Benning, GA, CID initiated a criminal investigation into allegations that various Soldiers of the 1/15th Inf, 3d Bde, committed numerous war crimes against Iraqi nationals while deployed in Iraq. The allegations appear in the May 2004 issue of Playboy magazine in an article titled "Death and Dishonor." The article contains allegations, to include, but not limited to, that Soldiers raped Iraqi females while the Soldiers were on patrol and while guarding a mall in Baghdad; shot an unarmed Iraqi national in the leg while he was fleeing, "hog-tied" him and then threw him into a Bradley Fighting Vehicle where several Soldiers physically assaulted him; mistreated EPWs while in custody; committed rules of engagement violations by shooting at unarmed civilian vehicles occupied by local Iraqi civilian women and children; shot wounded Iraqi soldiers; and committed larceny and other misconduct violations. Investigation continues by Army CID to either substantiate or disprove the allegations.

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