

**Charges and Specifications Referred to General Court-Martial for 3rd
Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment Marine involved in Hamdania, Iraq
Investigation**

Sergeant Lawrence G. Hutchins III, U.S. Marine Corps

Charges preferred on June 21, 2006

Charge I: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 81 (Conspiracy)

Specification: Conspired to commit Larceny, Housebreaking, False Official Statements, Kidnapping, Murder, Obstruction of Justice.

Charge II: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 107 (False Official Statement x 3)

Specification 1: False Official Statement.
Specification 2: False Official Statement.
Specification 3: False Official Statement.

Charge III: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 118 (Murder)

Specification: Did with premeditation, murder Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

Charge IV: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 121 (Larceny)

Specification: Stole a shovel and an AK-47 assault rifle.

Charge V: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 128 (Assault)

Specification: Unlawfully force Hashim Ibrahim Awad to the ground and bind his hands and feet.

Charge VI: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 130 (Housebreaking)

Specification: Unlawfully enter a dwelling, the property of Hashim Ibrahim Awad, with the intent to commit a criminal offense, to wit: kidnapping, therein.

Charge VII: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 134 (Kidnapping)

Specification 1: Did willfully and wrongfully seize and hold Hashim Ibrahim Awad against his will.
Specification 2: Did wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation.
Specification 3: Did wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation.

Additional Charge preferred on Aug. 3, 2006:

Violation of the UCMJ, Article 128 (Assault)

Specification 1: Did assault Khalid Hamad Daham with a force likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm by striking him with closed fist and knee in the head, face and torso.
Specification 2: Did assault Hassam Hamza Fayall with a force likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm by choking him.
Specification 3: Did assault Ali Haraj Rbash by placing a loaded pistol in his mouth and with a force likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm by choking him.