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2nd Bde Soldier Sentenced

Spc. James Barker pleaded guilty Wednesday and was sentenced today on charges arising from incidents occurring at Yousifiyah, Iraq last March during the 101st Airborne Division's deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Barker was charged with premeditated murder, rape, conspiracy to commit premeditated murder and rape, conspiracy to obstruct justice, obstruction of justice, violating a lawful general order, arson and housebreaking. He pleaded guilty to all charges and specifications and the military judge subsequently found him guilty of all charges and specifications and sentenced him to life with eligibility for parole and a dishonorable discharge.

Three other Soldiers from Barker's unit, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, were also charged in the incident and will face courts-martial at Fort Campbell.

Additional Photos