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Verdict Announced at General Court-Martial in Hamdania Investigation

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (July 18, 2007) – The court-martial panel rendered the following verdict today in the case of Cpl. Trent D. Thomas for his involvement in the death of an Iraqi civilian on April 26, 2006, near Hamdania, Iraq.

Thomas was found guilty of kidnapping and conspiracy to commit larceny, housebreaking, kidnapping, false official statements and murder.

Thomas was found not guilty of murder, larceny, housebreaking and making a false official statement.

Under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, two-thirds of the court-martial panel must vote guilty to render a guilty verdict.

The military judge for the proceeding was Lt. Col. David M. Jones.

Sentencing proceedings are scheduled to begin Thursday, July 19 at 8 a.m.

More information on the charges, specifications and legal proceedings can be found at www.usmc.mil/lapa/iraq-investigations.htm

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