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## **Verdict Announced at General Court-Martial in Hamdania Investigation**

**CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** (Aug. 2, 2007) – The court-martial panel rendered the following verdict today in the case of Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III for his involvement in the death of an Iraqi civilian on April 26, 2006, near Hamdania, Iraq.

Hutchins was found guilty of unpremeditated murder, larceny, making a false official statement and conspiracy to commit the following: murder, larceny, obstruction of justice and false official statement.

Hutchins was found not guilty of kidnapping, assault, housebreaking and obstruction of justice.

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. Jeffrey Meeks.

Sentencing proceedings are scheduled to begin this afternoon.

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

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