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Marine Sentenced at General Court-Martial in Hamdania Investigation

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (Aug. 3, 2007) – Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins III was sentenced today at a general court-martial held here.

Hutchins was sentenced to 15 years confinement, reduction in rank to Pvt./E-1, a dishonorable discharge and a reprimand.

Hutchins was found guilty Thursday of unpremeditated murder, larceny, making a false official statement and conspiracy to commit the following: murder, larceny, obstruction of justice and false official statement for his involvement in the death of an Iraqi civilian on April 26, 2006, near Hamdania, Iraq.

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

The military judge for the proceeding was Lt. Col. Jeffrey Meeks.

U.S. Marine Corps personnel sentenced to confinement of one year or longer, automatically have their cases forwarded to the Navy - Marine Court of Criminal Appeals for review.

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

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