



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND  
CAMP BUCCA CID OFFICE, 380<sup>TH</sup> MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT  
CAMP BUCCA, IRAQ APO AE 09375

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15 Aug 05

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SUBJECT: CID REPORT OF INVESTIGATION – FINAL - 0048-05-CID579-40014- 5H8

DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS OF OCCURRENCES:

1. 14 MAY 2005/1730 – 14 MAY 2005/1805; COMPOUND 4 AND  
INTERNMENT FACILITY AID STATION (IFAS), THEATER INTERNMENT FACILITY  
(TIF), CAMP BUCCA, IRAQ APO AE 09375 (CBI), GRID 38S MB 130840

DATE/TIME REPORTED: 14 MAY 2005/1810

INVESTIGATED BY: SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NONE; [ACCIDENTAL DEATH].

VICTIM: 1. SWEIDAN/AL HALBOSI, ADNAN MUKHLEF SWEDAN (DECEASED);  
CIV/DETAINEE; INTERNMENT SERIAL NUMBER (ISN) US9IZ-167846-CI; 1 JAN  
1965; BAGHDAD, IRAQ; M; OTHER; COMPOUND 4, TIF, CBI (TARMIS AREA NEAR  
MOSQUE 14, VILLAGE 6, BAGHDAD, IRAQ); [ACCIDENTAL DEATH].

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

This is an "Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004-2006" Investigation.

[REDACTED], IFAS, CBI, reported detainee SWEIDAN died in the TIF  
Emergency Room (ER).

Investigation determined Detainee SWEIDAN died as a result of complications of  
thyroid surgery performed at CBI in Apr 05. A piece of surgical gauze was accidentally  
left in Detainee SWEIDAN's throat after his surgical procedure. The sponge eventually  
interfered with air exchange and led to asphyxia, leading to Detainee SWEIDAN's  
death. The manner of death was accidental. Medical negligence was inherent in the  
cause and mechanism of death; however, the negligence was determined not to be  
criminal.

STATUTES:

Not Applicable

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## EXHIBITS/SUBSTANTIATION:

## Attached:

1. Agent's Investigation Report (AIR) of SA [REDACTED] 26 May 05, detailing the basis for investigation; canvass interviews; interviews of medical personnel, security personnel, and detainees; confirmation of Detainee SWEIDAN's identity through retinal scanning technology; and receipt of medical records.
2. Canvass Interview Worksheet.
3. Sworn Statement of [REDACTED] 14 May 05, wherein [REDACTED] detailed the medical treatment [REDACTED] provided to Detainee SWEIDAN on 14 May 05.
4. Sworn Statement of [REDACTED] 14 May 05, wherein [REDACTED] detailed the medical treatment [REDACTED] provided to Detainee SWEIDAN on 14 May 05.
5. Medical Records of Detainee SWEIDAN.
6. Certificate of Death, 14 May 05, of Detainee SWEIDAN.
7. Hospital Report of Death, 14 May 05, of Detainee SWEIDAN.
8. Preliminary Autopsy Report, 22 May 05, which listed the preliminary cause of death as complications of thyroid surgery and the manner of death as natural. The report indicated a portion of a retained foreign body within the surgical site contributed to Detainee SWEIDAN's death.
9. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 13 Aug 05, detailing interviews of medical personnel who were involved in pre and post-operative care of Detainee SWEIDAN, the IFAS Commander, and the surgical staff; receipt of post-mortem radiographs depicting that a surgical sponge was retained in the surgical site; criminal history checks; receipt of certification, licensing, and training documents of the surgical staff; coordination with SJA and the Perioperative Consultant to the Surgeon General; and receipt of the final autopsy report.
10. Compact disk, containing JPEG images of radiographs depicting the retained surgical sponge in the surgical site. (USACRC copy only)
11. Statement of [REDACTED] 30 May 05, providing a brief account of Detainee SWEIDAN's surgical procedure.
12. Sworn Statement of [REDACTED] 1 Jun 05, detailing [REDACTED] role during the surgery as the anesthesiologist.
13. Waiver Certificate and Sworn Statement of [REDACTED] 1 Jun 05, detailing how [REDACTED] replaced [REDACTED] during the surgical procedure and believed the surgical and sponge counts were accurate.

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14. Statement of [REDACTED] 1 Jun 05, providing a brief description of Detainee SWEIDAN's surgical procedure.
15. Non Waiver Certificate of [REDACTED] 4 Jun 05.
16. Non Waiver Certificate of [REDACTED] 7 Jun 05.
17. Non Waiver Certificate of [REDACTED] 10 Jun 05.
18. Operating Room Specialist Course Diploma, pertaining to [REDACTED]
19. Emergency Lifesaver Course Certificate, Fayetteville Technical Community College, pertaining to [REDACTED]
20. Orders, awarding [REDACTED] Military Occupational Specialty 91D, 28 Oct 04.
21. Orders, mandating [REDACTED] report for active duty for mobilization in support of "Iraqi Freedom."
22. Operation Request and Worksheet, 11 Apr 05, which indicated the sponge count was correct.
23. DA Form 5179-1, Intraoperative Document.
24. DA Form 1059, Service School Academic Evaluation Report, which reflected [REDACTED] successfully completed the Perioperative Nursing Course in Sep 03.
25. Credentials Transfer Brief of [REDACTED] which documented [REDACTED] licensing and registration as a surgeon.
26. Nursing License Data Sheet of [REDACTED] which reflected [REDACTED] was actively licensed as a nurse.
27. Surgeon accreditation documents of [REDACTED]
28. Certificate of Completion, Resuscitative Medicine, pertaining to [REDACTED] 13 Oct 04.
29. Memorandum which verified competency of [REDACTED] 13 Jun 05.
30. 2-1 File of [REDACTED]
31. Memorandum, which documented the legal opinion of [REDACTED] who opined the surgical staff did not violate criminal statutes.
32. Enlisted Records Brief of [REDACTED] *db, TC*

33. Autopsy Examination Report, 14 Jul 05, which reflected the cause of death was complications of thyroid surgery and the manner of death was accidental.
34. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 22 May 05, detailing the autopsy protocol.
35. Fingerprint of Detainee SWEIDAN. (USACRC and file copies only)
36. Compact Disk, ME05-0438, containing digital images of the autopsy.
37. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 13 Jun 05, detailing coordination with [REDACTED] chain of command in Mosul, Iraq.
38. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 13 Jun 05, detailing coordination with the Office of the Surgeon General.
39. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 15 Jun 05, detailing a review of training and personnel records of [REDACTED]
40. AIR of SA [REDACTED] 7 Jul 05, which documented receipt of [REDACTED] competency-based orientation records.
41. Competency-based orientation records of [REDACTED]
42. Photograph Packet depicting four post mortem digital images of Detainee SWEIDAN.
43. Compact Disk, 0048-05-CID579-40014, containing the originals of Exhibit 42 and all images exposed by Camp Bucca CID special agents during this investigation.

Not Attached:

None

The originals of Exhibits 1-4, 9, 11-17, 23, 34, 37-40, and 42 are forwarded with the USACRC copy of this report. The originals of Exhibits 5, 10, and 22 are retained in the files of the Internment Facility Aid Station (IFAS), CBI. The originals of Exhibits 6 and 7 are retained in the files of Mortuary Affairs, Baghdad International Airport (BIAP), Baghdad, Iraq. The originals of Exhibits 8, 33, and 36 are retained in the files of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Office of the Medical Examiner, Rockville, MD. The originals of Exhibits 18, 20, and 32 are retained in the files of the Enlisted Records Evaluation Center (EREC), Indianapolis, IN. The original of Exhibit 19 is retained in the files of the Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville, NC. The original of Exhibit 21 is retained in the files of the Adjutant General, Fort Sam Houston, TX. The original of Exhibit 24 is retained in the files of the Human Resources Command, Alexandria, VA. The originals of Exhibits 25, 27-29, and 41 are retained in the files of Darnell Army Community Hospital, Fort Hood, TX. The original of Exhibit 26 is retained in the files of the Colorado Division of Registrations, Denver, CO. The original of Exhibit 30 is retained in the files of the 115<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital, Fort Polk, LA. The original

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of Exhibit 31 is retained in the files of 44<sup>th</sup> MEDCOM, Camp Victory, Iraq. The original of Exhibit 35 is retained in the files of the FBI Fingerprint Division, Clarksburg, WV.

STATUS: This is a Final Report. Commander's Report of Disciplinary or Administrative Action Taken (DA Form 4833) is not required.

Report Prepared and Approved By:



Special Agent in Charge

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