

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]		2. SSN [REDACTED]	3. RANK/RATE GySgt	4. PAY GRADE E-7
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command			6. CURRENT SERVICE	
			a. INITIAL DATE 24 Jun 15	b. TERM 4 years
7. PAY PER MONTH			8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED	
a. BASIC [REDACTED]	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY [REDACTED]	c. TOTAL [REDACTED]	None	
			9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A	

II. CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS

10. CHARGE VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE

Specification 1 (*Conspiracy, Assault*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: an Assault consummated by a Battery of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- a. drove to the Marine quarters to obtain duct tape;
- b. drove to the shared Army and Navy quarters;
- c. entered the bedroom of SSG Logan Melgar by breaking through his locked door;
- d. physically restrained SSG Logan Melgar and bound him with duct tape; and
- e. strangled SSG Logan Melgar by placing him in a chokehold.

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III. PREFERRAL

11a. NAME OF ACCUSER (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]	b. GRADE [REDACTED]	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER [REDACTED]		e. DATE [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above named accuser this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that he/she is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that he/she either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

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 Typed Name of Officer

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 Grade and Service

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 Signature

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 Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic  
 Organization of Officer

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 Judge Advocate  
 Official Capacity to Administer Oaths  
 (See R.C.M. 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)

Specification 2 (*Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, between on or about 4 June 2017 to on or about 5 December 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED], U.S. Navy, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: Obstruction of Justice, to impede the investigation of the assault and death of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- a. provided a false timeline of events to the Navy chain of command;
- b. shared information with each other about what had been communicated to the Navy chain of Command;
- c. made statements purposefully omitting mention of the use of duct tape during the assault;
- d. made statements purposefully omitting mention of the Marines being present in the room during the assault;
- e. disposed of the alcohol kept in the shared Army and Navy quarters; and
- f. made false statements to CID and NCIS investigators.

CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 129

Specification (*Burglary*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, in the nighttime, unlawfully break and enter the private bedroom of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, with the intent to commit assault consummated by a battery therein.

CHARGE III: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 118

Specification 1 (*Felony Murder*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, while perpetrating a burglary, murder Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

Specification 2 (*Murder, Inherently Dangerous Act; Conspirator Liability*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, participate in a conspiracy with [REDACTED] to commit Assault consummated by a Battery upon Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army; and as part of said conspiracy, [REDACTED] murdered SSG Logan Melgar, by strangling him with a chokehold, an act that was inherently dangerous to another and evinced a wanton disregard for human life.

CHARGE IV: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 119

Specification (*Involuntary Manslaughter*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, by culpable negligence and while perpetrating an offense directly affecting the person of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, to wit: Assault consummated by a Battery, did unlawfully kill the said SSG Logan Melgar by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

CHARGE V: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 92

Specification (*Hazing, SECNAVINST*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, violate a lawful general order, to wit: SECNAVINST 1610.2A, para. 7b, dated 15 July 2005, by hazing Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by breaking into his private bedroom while he was sleeping, and participating in an assault where the said SSG Melgar was restrained with duct tape, assaulted and strangled with a chokehold.

CHARGE VI: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 107

Specification (*False Official Statements*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 12 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, with intent to deceive, make false official statements to [REDACTED] Army CID, to wit:

- a. that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did not plan to go out with SSG Logan Melgar the evening of 3 June 2017; and that on the morning of 4 June 2017:
- b. that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] remained outside while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the shared Army and Navy quarters;
- c. that [REDACTED] went to the front door of the shared Army and Navy quarters, and saw SSG Logan Melgar and [REDACTED] talk to each other and chuckle and smile at the threshold of SSG Melgar's door;
- d. that [REDACTED] saw SSG Logan Melgar and [REDACTED] mutually initiate wrestling at the threshold of SSG Melgar's door;
- e. and that [REDACTED] did not enter the shared Army and Navy quarters until directed to by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or words to those effects, which statements were totally false and then known by the said [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to be so false.

***AND NO OTHERS***

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]		2. SSN [REDACTED]	3. RANK/RATE SSgt	4. PAY GRADE E-6
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command			6. CURRENT SERVICE	
			a. INITIAL DATE 24 Jun 15	b. TERM 4 years
7. PAY PER MONTH		8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED None	9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A	
a. BASIC [REDACTED]	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY [REDACTED]			

II. CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS

10. CHARGE VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE

Specification 1 (*Conspiracy, Assault*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: an Assault consummated by a Battery of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- a. drove to the Marine quarters to obtain duct tape;
- b. drove to the shared Army and Navy quarters;
- c. entered the bedroom of SSG Logan Melgar by breaking through his locked door;
- d. physically restrained SSG Logan Melgar and bound him with duct tape; and
- e. strangled SSG Logan Melgar by placing him in a chokehold.

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III. PREFERRAL

11a. NAME OF ACCUSER (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]	b. GRADE [REDACTED]	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER [REDACTED]		e. DATE [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above named accuser this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that he/she is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that he/she either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

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 Typed Name of Officer

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 Judge Advocate  
 Official Capacity to Administer Oaths  
 (See R.C.M. 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)

Specification 2 (*Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, between on or about 4 June 2017 to on or about 5 December 2017, at or near, Bamako, Mali and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conspire with [REDACTED], U.S. Navy, [REDACTED], U.S. Navy, and [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: Obstruction of Justice, to impede the investigation of the assault and death of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- provided a false timeline of events to the Navy chain of command;
- shared information with each other about what had been communicated to the Navy chain of Command;
- made statements purposefully omitting mention of the use of duct tape during the assault;
- made statements purposefully omitting mention of the Marines being present in the room during the assault;
- disposed of the alcohol kept in the shared Army and Navy quarters; and
- made false statements to CID and NCIS investigators.

CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 129

Specification (*Burglary*): In that [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, in the nighttime, unlawfully break and enter the private bedroom of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, with the intent to commit assault consummated by a battery therein.

CHARGE III: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 118

Specification 1 (*Felony Murder*): In that [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, while perpetrating a burglary, murder Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

Specification 2 (*Murder, Inherently Dangerous Act; Conspirator Liability*): In that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, participate in a conspiracy with [REDACTED] to commit Assault consummated by a Battery upon Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army; and as part of said conspiracy, [REDACTED] murdered SSG Logan Melgar, by strangling him with a chokehold, an act that was inherently dangerous to another and evinced a wanton disregard for human life.

CHARGE IV: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 119

Specification (*Involuntary Manslaughter*): In that [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, by culpable negligence and while perpetrating an offense directly affecting the person of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, to wit: Assault consummated by a Battery, did unlawfully kill the said SSG Logan Melgar by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

CHARGE V: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 92

Specification (*Hazing, SECNAVINST*): In that [REDACTED], U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, violate a lawful general order, to wit: SECNAVINST 1610.2A, para. 7b, dated 15 July 2005, by hazing Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by breaking into his private bedroom while he was sleeping, and participating in an assault where the said SSG Melgar was restrained with duct tape, assaulted and strangled with a chokehold.

CHARGE VI: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 107

Specification 1 (*False Official Statements*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 12 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, with intent to deceive, make false official statements to [REDACTED] to wit:

- a. stating that to his knowledge, no one drank alcohol on the night of 3 June 2017; and
  - b. stating that on the morning of 4 June 2017 he and [REDACTED] remained outside while [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the House and did not enter until SSG Logan Melgar was already incapacitated;
- which statements were totally false, and then known by the said [REDACTED] to be so false.

Specification 2 (*False Official Statements*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, on or about 5 December 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, with intent to deceive, make false official statements to [REDACTED], to wit:

- a. stating that on the morning of 4 June 2017, after leaving [REDACTED] he did not recall any stops between [REDACTED] and the House;
  - b. stating that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] entered the residence without [REDACTED] and [REDACTED];
  - c. stating that he was not in a position to see inside the residence and did not hear anything out of the ordinary; and
  - d. stating that he did not recall observing any duct tape in SSG Logan Melgar's room and did not recall hearing anyone mention duct tape;
- which statements were totally false, and then known by the said [REDACTED] to be so false.

CHARGE VII: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 134

Specification (*Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, on active duty, did, between on or about 4 June 2017 to on or about 5 December 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation into the assault and death of SSG Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, when he purposefully did:

- a. make false statements to [REDACTED] regarding the nature and circumstances of SSG Melgar's death;
- b. make false statements to [REDACTED] regarding the nature and circumstance of SSG Melgar's death;
- c. purposefully omit that he, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stopped at the other House for supplies prior to arriving at the House;
- d. purposefully omit material information regarding the death of SSG Logan Melgar, including the use of duct tape to restrain SSG Melgar during his assault, and the participation of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the assault;

which conduct was to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces and of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

***AND NO OTHERS***

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF ACCUSED ( <i>Last, First, MI</i> ) [REDACTED]		2. SSN [REDACTED]	3. RANK/RATE SOC	4. PAY GRADE E-7
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION Naval Special Warfare Development Group			6. CURRENT SERVICE	
			a. INITIAL DATE 4 Jan 17	b. TERM 4 years
7. PAY PER MONTH		8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED None	9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A	
a. BASIC [REDACTED]	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY [REDACTED]			

II. CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS

10. CHARGE VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 81

Specification 1 (*Conspiracy, Assault*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, conspire with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: an Assault consummated by a Battery of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- a. drove to the Marine quarters to obtain duct tape;
- b. drove to the shared Army and Navy quarters;
- c. entered the bedroom of SSG Logan Melgar by breaking through his locked door;
- d. physically restrained SSG Logan Melgar and bound him with duct tape; and
- e. strangled SSG Logan Melgar by placing him in a chokehold.

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III. PREFERRAL

11a. NAME OF ACCUSER ( <i>Last, First, MI</i> ) [REDACTED]	b. GRADE [REDACTED]	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER [REDACTED]		e. DATE [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above named accuser this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that he/she is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that he/she either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

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 Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic  
*Organization of Officer*

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 Judge Advocate  
*Official Capacity to Administer Oaths*  
 (See R.C.M. 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)

Specification 2 (*Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, between on or about 4 June 2017 to on or about 5 December 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: Obstruction of Justice, to impede the investigation of the assault and death of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- a. provided a false timeline of events to the Navy chain of command;
- b. shared information with each other about what had been communicated to the Navy chain of Command;
- c. made statements purposefully omitting mention of the use of duct tape during the assault;
- d. made statements purposefully omitting mention of the Marines being present in the room during the assault;
- e. disposed of the alcohol kept in the shared Army and Navy quarters; and
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#### CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 129

Specification (*Burglary*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, in the nighttime, unlawfully break and enter the private bedroom of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, with the intent to commit assault consummated by a battery therein.

#### CHARGE III VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 118

Specification 1 (*Felony Murder*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, while perpetrating a burglary, murder Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by means of strangling him with a chokehold.

Specification 2 (*Murder, Inherently Dangerous Act*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, murder Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by means of strangling him, an act that was inherently dangerous to another and evinced a wanton disregard for human life.

#### CHARGE IV: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 119

Specification (*Involuntary Manslaughter*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, by culpable negligence and while perpetrating an offense directly affecting the person of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, to wit: Assault consummated by a Battery, did unlawfully kill the said SSG Logan Melgar by strangling him with a chokehold.

#### CHARGE V: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 92

Specification (*Hazing, SECNAVINST*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, violate a lawful general order, to wit: SECNAVINST 1610.2A, para. 7b, dated 15 July 2005, by hazing Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by breaking into his private bedroom while he was sleeping, and participating in an assault where the said SSG Melgar was restrained with duct tape, assaulted and strangled with a chokehold.



CHARGE VI: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 134

Specification (*Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation into the assault and death of SSG Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, when he purposefully did:

- a. conduct a cricothyrotomy upon SSG Melgar's body to hide evidence of the injuries inflicted to SSG Melgar's trachea;
- b. advise [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of information he would be omitting when reporting the circumstances of the death of SSG Logan Melgar;
- c. make false statements to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and his command regarding the nature and circumstances of SSG Melgar's assault and death;
- d. purposefully omit material information regarding the assault and death of SSG Melgar, including the use of duct tape to restrain SSG Melgar during his assault, and the participation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED];

which conduct was to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces and of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

***AND NO OTHERS***

**I. PERSONAL DATA**

1. NAME OF ACCUSED ( <i>Last, First, MI</i> ) [REDACTED]		2. SSN [REDACTED]	3. RANK/RATE SOC	4. PAY GRADE E-7
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION Naval Special Warfare Development Group			6. CURRENT SERVICE	
			a. INITIAL DATE 13 Oct 16	b. TERM 3 years
7. PAY PER MONTH		8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED None	9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A	
a. BASIC [REDACTED]	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY [REDACTED]			

**II. CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS**

10. CHARGE I VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 81

Specification 1 (*Conspiracy, Assault*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: an Assault consummated by a Battery of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

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*Typed Name of Officer*

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*Grade and Service*

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*Signature*

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*Organization of Officer*

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**Judge Advocate**  
*Official Capacity to Administer Oaths*  
*(See R.C.M. 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)*

Specification 2 (*Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, between on or about 4 June 2017 to on or about 5 December 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conspire with [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps, and [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps to commit an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to wit: Obstruction of Justice, to impede the investigation of the assault and death of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, and in order to effect the object of the conspiracy, the said members of the conspiracy did the following:

- provided a false timeline of events to the Navy chain of command;
- shared information with each other about what had been communicated to the Navy chain of Command;
- made statements purposefully omitting mention of the use of duct tape during the assault;
- made statements purposefully omitting mention of the Marines being present in the room during the assault;
- disposed of the alcohol kept in the shared Army and Navy quarters; and
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CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 129

Specification (*Burglary*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, in the nighttime, unlawfully break and enter the private bedroom of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, with the intent to commit assault consummated by a battery therein.

CHARGE III: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 118

Specification 1 (*Felony Murder*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, while perpetrating a burglary, murder Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

Specification 2 (*Murder, Inherently Dangerous Act; Conspirator Liability*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, participate in a conspiracy with [REDACTED] to commit Assault consummated by a Battery upon Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army; and as part of said conspiracy, [REDACTED] murdered SSG Logan Melgar, by strangling him with a chokehold, an act that was inherently dangerous to another and evinced a wanton disregard for human life.

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Specification (*Involuntary Manslaughter*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, by culpable negligence and while perpetrating an offense directly affecting the person of Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, to wit: Assault consummated by a Battery, did unlawfully kill the said SSG Logan Melgar by restraining SSG Logan Melgar during the assault where SSG Melgar was strangled and killed.

CHARGE V: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 92

Specification (*Hazing, SECNAVINST*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, violate a lawful general order, to wit: SECNAVINST 1610.2A, para. 7b, dated 15 July 2005, by hazing Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, by breaking into his private bedroom while he was sleeping, and participating in an assault where the said SSG Melgar was restrained with duct tape, assaulted and strangled with a chokehold.

CHARGE VI: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ARTICLE 134

Specification (*Obstruction of Justice*): In that [REDACTED] U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation into the assault and death of SSG Logan Melgar, U.S. Army, when he purposefully did:

- a. make false statements to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and his command regarding the nature and circumstances of SSG Melgar's death;
- b. purposefully omit material information regarding the death of SSG Melgar, including the use of duct tape to restrain SSG Melgar during his assault, and the participation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

which conduct was to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces and of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

***AND NO OTHERS***