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Soldier Apparently Kills Wife, Self

By: AP on: 05.08.2005 [10:18] (426 reads)

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DENVER - A soldier who returned from Iraq nine days earlier apparently shot and killed his wife and then himself at their home near Fort Collins, Army officials said Thursday.

Pfc. Stephen S. Sherwood, 36, and his wife were found dead Wednesday, Army spokeswoman Dee McNutt said. The wife's name was not released.

The couple's 8-month-old child was in the care of a neighbor, who reported hearing gunshots at about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, said Eloise Campanella, a spokeswoman for the Larimer County sheriff. Investigators had not determined a motive.

Sherwood had returned from Iraq on July 25 after spending nearly a year there and was on leave at the time of the shootings, McNutt said.

He was a cannon crew member in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team based at Fort Carson but had a home in Fort Collins, a city about 130 miles north of the post, she said.

Sherwood enlisted in the Army in January 2004, McNutt said.

Steve Johnson, a neighbor since 1997, said Sherwood told him Tuesday he and his wife "were having a hard time" over their plans to move to Colorado Springs, adjacent to Fort Carson.

"She was not looking forward to moving," Johnson said.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team lost 68 soldiers during its tour in Iraq. Sherwood was at least the second Fort Carson-based soldier to commit suicide shortly after serving there.

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by picard-fortune-500 on 05.08.2005 [10:39]

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/usa/story/0,12271,1542824,00.html>

oops

by picard-fortune-500 on 05.08.2005 [10:54]

I didn't realize this was already posted.

Such incidents will multiply.

by cm on 05.08.2005 [11:20]

It is some time now that a lot of articles point out the disturbed behavior of US soldiers in both Iraq and US (when they return back). Yesterday we had reports on two other suicides.

I think that it is only a matter of time before abnormal psychotic incidents start appearing in the streets of the USA, due to the excessive mental injuries of the soldiers fighting in Iraq which, in this war, are the highest percentage-wise than in any previous war.

It is not head injuries only (most of which are not obvious when they occur, but may affect the injured person months or even years after). It is also the extreme stress, the frustration (recall, this is a mercenary army which is not payed well for the job), the difference between the relaxed environment in the US and the conditions they face in Iraq.

As I said in another post, ten years from now the awe and terror (which were the catchwords the US strategists used in describing their mode of action when invading Iraq) will be alive and well, moving around in the streets of the USA.

John Muhammed, DC Sniper

by BlackPanther on 05.08.2005 [18:02]

Remember that the DC Sniper, John Muhammed, was a former American military guy as well Timothy McVeigh of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Too bad these guys decided to take out random civilians as opposed to the mainstream American establishment itself.

If these guys had any political savvy (like Hasan Akbar who neutralized US soldiers in Kuwait during the invasion of Iraq), these US military goons would start attacking the right institutions, including the US government in general, the US military-intelligence complex, and of course the media. Especially the media. I'd love to see somebody attack the Washington Post, CNN, or other propaganda outlets.

It is long overdue that the USA reap the whirlwind.

moron kills

by verve on 06.08.2005 [01:06]

his wife, asshole, it's the fucking scumbags at the local recruiting office he should have killed. Visit the CO and frag the prick but leave the innocents alone.

Did he take Lariam?

by Stechkin on 06.08.2005 [07:31]

Lariam is a anti-malaria drug that is used by the US military. Some of its known side effects include horrible psychological problems. A number of similar incidents have occurred in recent years. Many of them are believed to be related to the use of Lariam.

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