

CHARGE SHEET

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (<i>Last, First, MI</i>) MATTHEWS, Adam C.		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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, U.S. Navy, on active duty, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, conspire with Chief Special Operator Tony Dedolph, U.S. Navy, Gunnery Sergeant Mario Madera-Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps, and Staff Sergeant Kevin Maxwell Jr., 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.

****See continuation pages****

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 November 2018

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above named accuser this _____ day of _____, 20 18, 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.

Typed Name of Officer

Grade and Service

Signature

Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic
Organization of Officer

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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 Chief Special Operator Tony Dedolph, U.S. Navy, Gunnery Sergeant Mario Madera-Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps, and Staff Sergeant Kevin Maxwell Jr., 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, U.S. Navy, did, on or about 4 June 2017, at or near Bamako, Mali, participate in a conspiracy with SOC Tony Dedolph to commit Assault consummated by a Battery upon Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar, U.S. Army; and as part of said conspiracy, SOC Tony Dedolph 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 Chief Special Operator Adam Matthews, 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 GySgt Mario Madera-Rodriguez and SSgt Kevin Maxwell;

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