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## Verdict reached in General Court Martial Trial for Marine Charged in the Death of Army Staff Sergeant Logan Melgar; Sentencing announced today

**NORFOLK, VA (NRMA)** – A verdict was reached yesterday in the general court martial of Marine Staff Sgt. Kevin Maxwell, Jr. Sentencing was announced today. The charges in the case stem from crimes committed in June 2017 in conjunction with the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar in Bamako, Mali.

The verdict is as follows:

Charge I:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 1 (*Conspiracy Assault*) in violation of UCMJ Article 81. Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 2 (*Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice*) in violation of UCMJ Article 81.

Charge II:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification (*Burglary*) in violation of UCMJ Article 129.

Charge III:

Maxwell pleaded **not guilty** to Specification 1 (*Felony Murder*) in violation of UCMJ Article 118. Maxwell pleaded **not guilty** to Specification 2 (*Murder, Inherently Dangerous Act; Conspirator Liability*) in violation of UCMJ Article 118.

Charge IV:

Maxwell pleaded **not guilty** to Specification (*Involuntary Manslaughter*) in violation of UCMJ Article 119.

Charge V:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification (*Hazing, SECNAVINST*) in violation of UCMJ Article 92.

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Charge VI:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 1 (*False Official Statements*) in violation of UCMJ Article 107.

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 2 (*False Official Statements*) in violation of UCMJ Article 107, with a location change of “Bamako, Mali” to “Camp Lejeune, N.C.”

Charge VII:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 1 (*Obstruction of Justice*) in violation of UCMJ Article 134.

Additional Charge VII:

Maxwell pleaded **guilty** to Specification 2 (*Negligent Homicide*) in violation of UCMJ Article 134.

Maxwell was sentenced to 4 years confinement, reduction in rank to E1, and a bad conduct discharge. He will be confined onboard Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. at Marine Corps Installations East Regional Brig.

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**Note To Media:** For current charge sheets in conjunction with these cases, as well as other legal and releasable information, please visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/media.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/media.html).