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Charges referred to General Court-Martial for Sailor/Marine in conjunction with the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar

NORFOLK, VA (NRMA) – Charges were referred to general court-martial yesterday for U.S. Navy Chief Special Warfare Operator Tony E. Dedolph and U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Mario A. Madero-Rodriguez by Rear Adm. Charles W. Rock, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic in conjunction with the death of Army Staff Sgt. Logan Melgar, who died June 4, 2017 while serving in Bamako, Mali.

Rock is appointed as the Consolidated Disposition Authority for this case. A date for the general courts-martial hearings have not been set at this time.

Dedolph faces charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Conspiracy, Assault; Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice; Burglary; Felony Murder; Involuntary Manslaughter; Hazing; and Obstruction of Justice.

Madero-Rodriguez faces charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for Conspiracy, Assault; Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice; Burglary; Felony Murder; Involuntary Manslaughter; Hazing; and False Official Statements.

Dedolph and Madero-Rodriguez made their initial appearances in Navy court for an Article 32 preliminary hearing on Aug. 5, 2019. If found guilty of felony murder, Dedolph and Madero-Rodriguez could face life in federal prison without parole, reduction in rank to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and either a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge.

The military justice system, similar to the civilian justice system, is based on the principle of innocent until proven guilty.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: For current charge sheets in conjunction with these cases, as well as other legal information, please visit www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/news/media.html

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