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DEFENSE CONCLUDES PRESENTATION OF ITS CASE IN HOLCOMB TRIAL JULY 28

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Today saw the fifth day of testimony in the court martial of Sgt. Adam Holcomb, an infantryman assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. Holcomb is facing court martial in connection with the death of Pvt. Danny Chen in Afghanistan Oct. 3, 2011.

Court was called into session shortly after 8:30 a.m., with testimony from defense witnesses. The defense called four witnesses, one witness presented classified testimony during a closed session of the proceedings. The final defense witness was an forensic psychologist from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The government began its rebuttal case at 5:30pm and called five witnesses, one of which testified telephonically.

During the proceedings, the military judge dismissed two specifications of violating a lawful regulation. The maximum sentence Holcomb could face if convicted of all charges is 13 years and six months of confinement.

The court was recessed at about 6:15 p.m. The court martial of Sgt. Adam Holcomb will resume Monday, July 30, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.

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Editor's note: Media interested in attending day six of U.S. v. Holcomb must meet at Stryker Golf Course on Fort Bragg at 7:30 a.m., July 30, 2012. We will depart at 7:45 a.m., as court proceedings begin at 8:30 a.m.