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MEDIA ADVISORY: Spc. Ryan Offutt trial set for August 13-15

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – The court martial Specialist Ryan Offutt, a Soldier assigned to 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division from Fort Richardson, Alaska, is scheduled for August 13 at 9 a.m., at the Fort Bragg courthouse. The case is docketed through August 15.

Six other Soldiers from 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division face charges relating to Pvt. Danny Chen's death and will be tried by courts martial in the coming months.

In July, a seventh Soldier, Sgt. Adam Holcomb was found guilty by a court-martial panel of two specifications of maltreatment and one specification of assault. He was sentenced to reduction in rank to E-4, forfeiture of pay equaling \$1,181.55 and 30 days confinement.

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Note to media: News media interested in covering the trial must confirm planned attendance with the Fort Bragg Public Affairs Office no later than, Friday, August 10, by calling 910-396-5620. Media entering Fort Bragg must possess valid, government issued identification and have that identification to enter the post.

Gallery space is limited within the court room. No still or video recording equipment is authorized within the courtroom and cell phone use is prohibited. An area outside of the courthouse will be set aside for video and still camera crews – this area has limited to no shade. Media in attendance are advised to bring shades, water, sun protection and other comfort measures due to the heat and humidity at Fort Bragg in summer months. Wireless internet access is not available at the courthouse and must be provided by the individual reporters in attendance.

*** Members of the media who are not U.S. citizens must possess a valid passport with a current visa and I-94 card.

The following restriction and guidelines will be maintained by court officers during the course of the trial:

Prohibitions

Eating and drinking are not permitted in the courtroom during open sessions (except water or other non-alcoholic beverage in an unmarked opaque container for the trial participants). Chewing gum and tobacco products are not permitted in the courtroom at any time.

Absent prior approval by the judge, passing notes or whispering over the bar between trial participants and the gallery is prohibited.

Photographs, video and sound recordings (except those by the detailed court reporter or otherwise authorized by the military judge), and radio and television broadcasts shall not be made in or from the courthouse during any trial proceedings.

Cell phones, radios, pagers, iPods, BlackBerrys, and similar devices are not allowed in the courthouse.

No explosives, flammable liquids, caustic materials, or other hazardous materials will be brought into the courtroom without the judge's prior approval. Firearms or weapons, except when used as exhibits or otherwise explicitly authorized by the judge are not permitted in the courtroom.