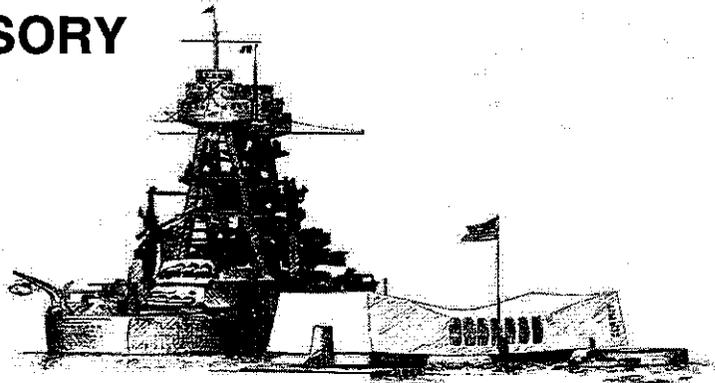


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## **Media invited to DeArmond Case Pre-Trial Hearing**

News media representatives are invited to cover the pre-trial hearing in the case of Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond on Monday, May 5. Petty Officer DeArmond is accused of pre-meditated murder for the deaths of his wife and mother-in-law in June 2002. The pretrial session is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and is anticipated to last several hours.

Commander, Navy Region Hawaii is the convening authority in this case, and had referred pre-meditated murder charges against DeArmond in January. The charges are violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). These charges are only accusations; the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The 32-year-old petty officer is assigned to the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. He is being held in pre-trial confinement at the Navy Brig on Ford Island since he turned himself in to the Navy Region Security Office last June.

Media representatives who would like to cover this event must call the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs office at 473-2888 to arrange for an escort. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office at 8 a.m. on May 5 for transportation to the Trial Service Office.