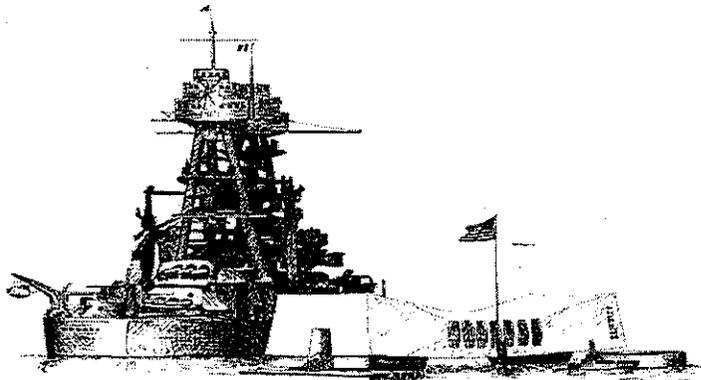


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## **CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST SAILOR**

Various charges of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) were preferred today against Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond. These charges are only accusations, and the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The charges and specifications are as follows:

### **Charge I: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 118**

Specification 1: In that Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond, U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, on active duty, did, at or near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on or about 10 June 2002, with premeditation, murder Zaleha K. DeArmond by means of striking her in the head with an iron skillet.

Specification 2: In that Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond, U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, on active duty, did, at or near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on or about 10 June 2002, with premeditation, murder Saniah B. Abdul Ghani by means of stabbing her with a knife.

**Charge II: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 120**

Specification: In that Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond, U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, on active duty, did, at or near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on or about 10 June 2002, rape Zaleha K. DeArmond.

**Charge III: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 134**

Specification 1: In that Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond, U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, on active duty, did, at or near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on or about 10 June 2002, wrongfully abuse the corpse of Zaleha K. DeArmond, in violation of Hawaii Revised Statute § 711-1108, as assimilated through 18 U.S.C. § 13.

Specification 2: In that Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond, U.S. Navy, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, on active duty, did, at or near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on or about 10 June 2002, wrongfully endeavor to impede an investigation and the due administration of justice in the case of United States v. HT2 David A. DeArmond, by destroying, moving and tampering with evidence.

The next step in the military justice process is the investigation of charges at a pre-trial investigation hearing (Article 32 hearing). Based on the results of that hearing, the convening authority will determine whether to refer these charges to a court martial.

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