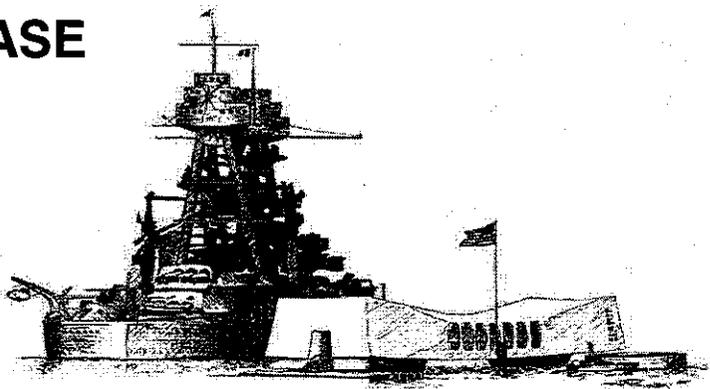


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## **DeArmond Pleads Guilty**

At a pre-trial hearing in Pearl Harbor today, Hull Technician Second Class David A. DeArmond plead guilty to charges in relation to the deaths of his wife and mother-in-law in June 2002.

DeArmond plead guilty to the following charges, which were accepted by the military judge who presided over the hearing.

**Charge: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 118 (Murder)**

**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 June 10, 2002, murder Saniah B. Abdul Ghani by means of stabbing her with a knife.

**Charge: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 119 (Voluntary Manslaughter)**

**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 June 10, 2002, willfully and unlawfully kill Zaleha K. DeArmond by means of striking her in the head with an iron skillet.

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Charge: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 134 (Abusing a Corpse)

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 June 10, 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

The charges are in violation of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and have a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. A sentencing hearing will be held in early June.

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.

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