



V Corps Public Affairs Media Advisory



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For Immediate Release:

HEIDELBERG, GE (June 8, 2004) -- The first session of the Article 32 hearing for Private Nestor K. Velazquez is scheduled to take place on 9-10 June 2004 in Wiesbaden. Any subsequent sessions of the Article 32 hearing will be announced at a later date.

This session of the Article 32 will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Wiesbaden Law Center located at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

The following charges were preferred on 3 May 2004:

- a. One specification of murder, in violation of Article 118, UCMJ;
- b. Three specifications of aggravated assault, in violation of Article 128, UCMJ.

The charges refer to an incident at the Euro Palace in Mainz-Kastell on April 18, 2004 when Velazquez allegedly stabbed four civilians resulting in the death of one person and injuries to the other three.

The charges are allegations, and the accused is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Article 32 hearing is an investigation to determine the appropriate disposition of the charges brought against Velazquez. This is not a trial.

Electronic recording equipment or cameras will not be allowed in the court-room.

This office will make every effort to ensure effective coverage while respecting the rights of the accused and privacy of the alleged victims and the witnesses. Media representatives will be provided ground rules prior to being admitted to the courtroom. These ground rules are reflective of appropriate actions common to any court of law. Media cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Interested media should contact Hilde Patton, Chief, Public Information, V Corps PAO, by phone or email (paopi@hq.c5.army.mil) not later than 4:30 p.m. today.

Media representatives are asked to report to the gate left of the blocked front gate of the Wiesbaden Army Airfield by 8:30 a.m., from where they will be escorted to the law center to receive their press badge.

If you arrive at a later time please contact the 221st BSB PAO at 0611-705-1600 for an escort.

Questions related to this advisory, or the upcoming hearings may be addressed to the V Corps Public Affairs Office, 06221-575816.