

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION LINE OF DUTY AND MISCONDUCT STATUS				1. REPORT DATE (YYMMDD) 070327	
2. INVESTIGATION OF (X one) <input type="checkbox"/> INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> DISEASE <input type="checkbox"/> ILLNESS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH				3. STATUS (X as applicable) a. REGULAR OR WAD b. CALLED OR ORDERED TO AD FOR <input type="checkbox"/> (1) MORE THAN 30 DAYS <input type="checkbox"/> (2) 30 DAYS OR LESS c. INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING (Type) d. SHORT TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING	
4. TO (Major Army or Air Force Commander) Commander, U.S. Army 5th Recruiting Brigade, P.O. Box 8277 Walnwright Station, San Antonio, Texas 78208		6. SSN (b)(6)		7. GRADE E5	
5. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL (Last, First, Middle Initial) Andersson, Nils Aron				9. OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE SAME INCIDENT	
8. ORGANIZATION AND STATION (b)(6) Recruiting Company, Houston Recruiting Battalion				10. BASIS FOR FINDINGS (As determined by investigation)	
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) NONE		SSN b.	GRADE c.	d. LOD INVESTIGATION MADE (X) YES NO	
				e. DURATION (Applies ONLY to 3.a. and d.) DATE (YYMMDD) HOUR (1) START (2) FINISH	
10. BASIS FOR FINDINGS (As determined by investigation)					
a. CIRCUMSTANCES		(1) HOUR	(2) DATE (YYMMDD) 070306	IN PLACE (b)(6)	
11. HOW SUSTAINED Self inflicted gunshot wound to the head					
b. MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS Harris County Medical Examiner's Office has determined that death was a suicide.					
c. PRESENT FOR DUTY? (X) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		d. IF ABSENT: (X) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WITH AUTHORITY <input type="checkbox"/> WITHOUT AUTHORITY		e. WAS INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR NEGLECT THE PROXIMATE CAUSE? (X) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		(Do not complete 10.a. and f. in death cases.)		f. WAS INDIVIDUAL MENTALLY SOUND? (X) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
g. REMARKS On the evening of 6 March 2007, Ms Cassy Andersson discovered the deceased body of her husband, SGT Niles Andersson on the roof of the parking garage at the (b)(6) Apartment complex. That night, Officer (b)(6) of the Houston Police Department (Tab C) discovered that SGT Andersson was mortally wounded due to a single gunshot wound the right side of the head. He also indicated a pistol was discovered near the body. Followup CID report (Tab I) and Autopsy (Tab J) supports the presumption of suicide. (Continued on next page)					
11. FINDINGS (X one. Do not complete in death cases.) <input type="checkbox"/> IN LINE OF DUTY <input type="checkbox"/> NOT IN LINE OF DUTY - NOT DUE TO OWN MISCONDUCT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT IN LINE OF DUTY - DUE TO OWN MISCONDUCT					
12. INVESTIGATING OFFICER					
a. TYPED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		b. GRADE O3	c. BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY		d. SSN (b)(6)
e. ORGANIZATION AND STATION Houston Recruiting Battalion, 1919 Smith St, Suite 1529 Houston, Texas 77002				f. SIGNATURE (b)(6)	
13. ACTION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY			14. ACTION BY REVIEWING AUTHORITY		
a. HEADQUARTERS 5th RCTG BDE		b. DATE (YYMMDD) 070415	a. HEADQUARTERS 5th RCTG BDE		b. DATE (YYMMDD) 070415
c. (X one. Indicate reasons and substituted findings on back.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED			c. (X one. Indicate reasons and substituted findings on back.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED		
d. TYPED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)			d. TYPED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) (b)(6)		
e. GRADE O6	f. BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY		g. SSN (b)(6)	e. GRADE O6	f. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army
h. SIGNATURE (b)(6)		h. SIGNATURE (b)(6)			
15. FINAL APPROVAL (For action of office indicated in item 4.) (b)(6) 10 April 2008 COL, US Army Commanding					
COMMANDED, US Army Recruiting Battalion Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234 Approved. BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY					

16. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Andersson, Nils Aron

17. SSN

(b)(6)

18. GRADE

E5

19. APPOINTING AUTHORITY - REASONS AND SUBSTITUTED FINDINGS

20. REVIEWING AUTHORITY - REASONS AND SUBSTITUTED FINDINGS

21. APPROVING AUTHORITY - REASONS AND SUBSTITUTED FINDINGS

10g Remarks (continued)

2. The Death Certificate is not yet available, but the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office provided a Proof of Death Letter (Tab T).

3. The Harris County Medical Examiner's Officer final autopsy, (Tab J) attributes the cause of death to suicide; a self inflicted gunshot wound to the right side of the head. The pistol, a Ruger .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol, Serial number (b)(6) is suspected to have been owned by SGT Andersson. (Tab C).

4. SGT Andersson gave no indicators to the command or co-workers that he was a risk of committing suicide. (Tabs E, F & G).

a. Emotional State:

(b)(3), (b)(6)

2) CID reports (Tabs C & I) indicates that SGT Andersson has was

(b)(3), (b)(6)

3) CID initial report (Tab C) indicated that SGT Andersson had a domestic dispute with his wife earlier in the evening and had went to visit his (b)(6) (b)(6) His wife visited the (b)(6) residence the evening he committed suicide. (Tab H).

4) Statements from SGT Andersson's co-workers (Tabs E, F, &G) stated that SGT Andersson was having a hard time with recruiting and was having personal problems with his wife and (b)(6) as well as financial difficulties, but they did not think he was a risk to hurt himself. Each person interviewed was totally surprised by this suicide.

5. Observations:

a. To assess SGT Andersson's situation, we must consider the 12 suicide predictors as outlined in Standard US Army Suicide Prevention Training:

(b)(6)

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b. By reviewing the testimony of (b)(6) (Tab H) and the statements of his co-workers (Tabs E, F, & G) we can see that SGT Andersson was experiencing (b)(6)

6. The Serious Incident Report dated 6 Mar 07, (Tab D), state that SGT Andersson was just married on 5 Mar 07 to Cassy Andersson and was (b)(6)

(b)(6), (b)(3)

(b)(3), (b)(6) Cassy Anderson committed suicide on 7 Mar 07 at her apartment. (Tabs D & I).

Findings: Given the abrupt nature of his suicide, I do not think SGT Andersson willfully committed suicide with intent to harm this organization or defraud the government of survivor benefits. His actions do not come across as premeditated; rather, the combination of medical, relationship, career, and financial issues experienced in such a short time span proved overwhelming to SGT Andersson. It is my conviction that these issues led to SGT Andersson to an action that was totally out of character; Suicide. In accordance with the rules outlined in AR 600-8-4, I recommend that SGT Andersson's death be ruled "In the Line of Duty."

(b)(6)

Investigating Officer

TABS

- Tab A: Memorandum of LOD, IO, (b)(6), 20 Mar 07
- Tab B: DD Form Statement of Medical Examination, 27 Mar 07
- Tab C: CID Initial Report dated 7 Mar 07
- Tab D: Final Serious Incident Report dated 6 Mar 07
- Tab E: DA Form 2823, (b)(6) dated 21 Mar 07
- Tab F: DA Form 2823, (b)(6) dated 21 Mar 07
- Tab G: DA Form 2823, (b)(6) dated 21 Mar 07
- Tab H: MFR from (b)(6) dated 22 Mar 07
- Tab I: CID Status Report dated 9 Mar 07
- Tab J: Harris County Medical Examiner's Office Autopsy dated 6 Mar 07
- Tab K: (b)(6) dated 17 Mar 05
- Tab L: Reenlistment Contract dated 12 Mar 05

Tab M: Assignment orders from FT Bragg dated 21 Sep 05
Tab N: Army Recruiter Course Graduation Certificate dated 16 Sep 05
Tab O: USAREC orders to (b)(6) RS dated 26 Oct 05
Tab P: DA Form 4187, Intra BN Transfer to (b)(6) RS dated 13 Sep 06
Tab Q: MFR, Change of Recruiter Status, dated 17 May 06
Tab R: DD Form 93 dated 26 Oct 05
Tab S: SGLV 8286 dated 26 Oct 05
Tab T: Enlisted Record Brief dated 6 Mar 07
Tab U: Proof of Death Letter dated 27 Mar 07