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Lawyer off to Iraq for murder case

The attorney for a Camp Pendleton Marine charged with killing a detainee during combat in Fallujah, Iraq, is traveling to the alleged crime scene to conduct interviews and survey the area.

Joseph Low of Long Beach is representing Sgt. Jermaine Nelson, who is charged with killing the captive Nov. 9, 2004, during house-to-house fighting.

A fellow Marine, Sgt. Ryan Weemer, also faces court-martial for allegedly shooting to death another detainee during the incident.

Nelson and Weemer have made self-incriminating statements to investigators, and their attorneys are trying to keep those statements from being introduced as evidence during trial.

If convicted, the defendants could be sent to prison for life.

--Rick Rogers

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