



Complaint

Date News Appeared ? ["just before the holiday season"]

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On June 23, my son SSG Adam Sheda came home after spending 16 months in Iraq. Counting the six months of training, Adam had been gone almost two years. We had a family coming-home party and in the next few days, we didn't see him much as he was resting and visiting his friends. He was partying and drinking. In retrospect, as we look back, we didn't see how he didn't want to be alone. As he was up for 30 hours at a time while on patrol, I believe night and day was blurred to him. The early a.m. of June 30 found him in Duluth's east hillside. His cousin lived in the same area and we believe he was going there. In any event, he heard music and talking and he went to the sound.

He asked the people there if he could join in. Far from "forcing" his way, he was waving a \$100 bill, saying he had no beer, but had money to join in. The money was taken from him and also his billfold. A lot is unclear at this point. He tried to get his wallet back and a "fight" ensued. Adam had an alcohol blood content of .244. Both his attackers outweighed him by 20 lbs each. One held him while the other beat and kicked him. On brother got tired and quit while the other brother pinned Adam to the ground and kept beating him. Those beating Adam said he pulled a gun to defend himself and he took it away and put the gun under Adam's chin, yelled "187 m*fucker!" (which is code for homicide), and shot and killed him. No holster or bullets were found on Adam. The only testimony is from those at the house. Adam is dead and can't defend himself.

That is a brief description of what happened. We will never know the whole story.... Adam had a full military funeral, one of the largest in Duluth. In his will (over \$500,000 in death benefits), we found out he was giving money to two orphanages; he left a large amount to each one. He donated his huge WWII military collection to a military museum. We found out that while he was in Iraq, he e-mailed one sister, swore her to secrecy, and sent her money to buy toys for Iraqi kids and another to send candy to give to the kids he saw while on patrol. He wasn't an angel, but what did was from the heart.

It was never proven that it was his gun. He had no "death wish," he was just lonely. He had the rest of '07 planned- going to Russia, doing show, etc. He didn't in any way "force" his way in. Channel 6 ran this story just before the holiday season. What did they think it would do to our family? What right did they have to do that to SSG Adam Sheda? He volunteered to go to Iraq. He wasn't political- he saw it as his duty and went. He went for all of us and to be dragged through the dirt for 30 pieces of silver is terrible. In the strongest way possible, I condemn what Channel 6 did. What they did to Adam was despicable and what they did to his family was horrible. We are a strong family, but others might not be able to handle a terrible story like this.

But Ms. Reyelts said, "We extend our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Mr. Sheda. By all accounts, he was a good son, a good friend, and a dedicated citizen of this country." I reject all of the above as B.S. because if she truly meant it, she wouldn't have done that to his memory and his family.

[Also see attached commentary on broadcast transcript]

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TALENT LEE
1-SHOT
(The following Text WILL Prompt)

The war in Iraq has left
an indelible mark on
America.

Returning combat vets
comprise the most
grievously-wounded group
since the Vietnam War.

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ART FULLSCREEN Take at: [LIVE -], The War At Home
Invisible Wounds
Northland's I Team

ART:U-S Soldier

CG NOTE:

But not all injuries are
visible.

Barbara Reyelts reports
tonight on the hidden
wounds of the mind.

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NAME Take at: [00:00:06]
MELANIE FORD
ST. LOUIS COUNTY ATTORNEY

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sympathy to the friends and
family of Mr. Sheda. By all
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dedicated citizen of this
country."

It will take some time
before we know exactly what

happened on a warm evening in July one week after Adam Sheda returned from his tour of duty in Iraq.

We know the tragic results...

26-year-old combat veteran Adam Sheda was shot to death with his own gun.

NAME Take at: [00:00:30]
BARBARA REYELTS
BREYELTS@NORTHLANDSNEWSCENTER.COM

Police reports indicate the shooting happened as Sheda was trying to force his way into the private house party of Luis Mark Hogan of Duluth.


"The St. Louis County Attorney's office concluded that evidence supports a charge against Luis Mark Hogan of Duluth of second-degree intentional murder."

It's been said that Sheda may have had a death wish based on a posting he made on his MySpace account.


ART FULLSCREEN Take at: [IN PKG: :48], Adam Sheda
MySpace posting:
"My plans when I get back are to drink until my heart stops."

ART: MySpace


CG NOTE: 4002



While still in Iraq he wrote... "My plans when I get back are to drink until my heart stops."



This may or may not be an important statement in the trial, but it is an important statement in the big picture of Iraq war veterans..



National statistics show one in six American Iraqi veterans reports suffering from significant depression or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Regional experts suggest it may be even more.

NAME Take at: [00:01:24]

JEFF HALL

NORTHLAND VET SERVICE COODRINATOR



"You can be looking at one in three or one in four struggling with PTSD."

Post traumatic stress disorder can manifest in many ways

ART FULLSCREEN Take at: [IN PKG: 1:21], Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

- * depression
- * sleep disorders
- * concentration problems
- * dramatic startle response

ART: U-S Soldier

CG NOTE: 4001

including depression,
sleep disorders,
concentration problems and
dramatic startle responses to
loud or unexpected noises.

"They have trouble being
around crowds of people.

Anger may come quick.

Their mood may shift.

Be real flat or depressed.

They might have
intrusive thoughts. You'll
ask, 'how often do you think
about the war?' 'Well, every
day.'"

"You become suspicious
of everybody."

Jon and Natalie
Beckstrand of Moose Lake
know the symptoms of
PTSD all too well.

NAME Take at: [00:02:09]
JON BECKSTRAND
IRAQ WAR VETERAN - MOOSE LAKE

"It totally changes you.
The way you think; the way
you act."

This young couple is
dealing with an extremely
tough readjustment to
society.

Like thousands of other
families across America,
they're struggling to hold on
to their relationships in the
face of psychological
difficulties most of us can't
even comprehend.

On top of that many are
having trouble finding jobs,
paying bills, or keeping
friends.

We'll explore some of
these problems as we
continue our report on "The
War at Home" tomorrow.
Barbara Reyelts, the
Northland's News Center.

TALENT LEE, 1-SHOT

The Beckstrand's story is
all-too-typical of returning
Iraqi vets.

Again, We'll tell you more
about this young family's
struggles when Barbara
continues our special report
on "The War at Home"
tomorrow.

ATTN: BRAD BENNETT

Scripts for BReyelts
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by breyelts

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TALENT

(The following Text WILL Prompt)

ART FULLSCREEN

The War At Home
Invisible Wounds
Northland's I Team

ART: U.S Soldier

CG NOTE:

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NAME

Melanie Ford
St. Louis County Attorney
00:00:00

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CAPTION NAME

Barbara Reyeits

Breyelts@northlandsnewscenter.com

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PROVE IT. I MEAN PROVE
NOT HEARSAY.

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CAPTION NAME
Melanie Ford
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intentional murder

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LOOK UP "FORCE" IN THE
DICTIONARY. DOES IT SAY A
LONELY YOUNG MAN WANTING
TO JOIN A "PARTY."

"The St. Louis County Attorney's office concluded that evidence supports a charge against Luis Mark Hogan of Duluth of second-degree intentional murder."

CAPTION NAME
Reyelts
00:00:40

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ART FULLSCREEN
Adam Sheda
MySpace posting:
"My plans when I get back are to drink until my heart stops."

BULLSHIT - WHO SAID IT

ART: MySpace

CG NOTE:
IN PKG: :48

While still in Iraq he wrote... "My plans when I get back are to drink until my heart stops."

A LONELY MAN WRITING NONSENSE.

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CAPTION NAME
Reyelts
00:01:00

I SAW ON A COOKING SHOW THE COOK SAID
HER COOKIES WERE "TO DIE FOR" ~~MS. REYELTS~~

National statistics show one in six American Iraqi veterans reports suffering from significant depression or post-traumatic stress disorder. Regional experts suggest it may be even more

NAME
Jeff Hall
Northland Vet Services Coordinator
00:01:10

MS. REYELTS
- COULD HAVE A STORY ABOUT DYING
TO EAT A COOKIE!



HERE IS WHERE ADAM
LAYS. A HERO AMONG HEROES
AT FT. SNELLING

CAN'T THEY LET HIM REST
IN PEACE?



**NORTHLAND'S
NEWSCENTER**

246 South Lake Avenue
Duluth, MN 55802-2304

Anthony Sheda
200 Barker Road
Wrenshall, MN 55797
January 21, 2007

Dear Mr. Sheda,

Once again, on behalf of the Northland's News Center, I repeat our condolences to you and your family on the death of your son Adam Sheda.

I am writing in response to a complaint filed by you with the Minnesota News Council on December 31, 2007.

I will discuss each of your points, as I understand them, in the order in which they are made.

1. You wrote: "You have no sympathy for us. You drug our son thru the mud. Our pain over his death was made worse.";

My response: Of course I cannot understand the depth of your pain without experiencing the loss of a child in a violent situation. It's an experience I hope never to have. I do, however, feel a great deal of sympathy for your loss. I'm very sorry my story made your pain worse.

2. You wrote: "Prove it. I mean proof not hearsay."

This complaint references a quote from my report which says:

"26-year old combat veteran Adam Sheda was shot to death with his own gun."

The information for this statement comes from two sources:

The Complaint and Order of Detention Felony from the County of St. Louis, District Court says:

"Sheda had brought with him a pistol and approximately \$2000."

"Defendant admitted to investigators that Sheda had taken out his pistol while Defendant was assaulting him..."

(Copy of criminal complaint included)

On July 5, 2007 St. Louis County Attorney Melanie Ford said, during a news conference:

"The altercation ended when Mr. Hogan shot Mr. Sheda with Mr. Sheda's own pistol." This quote is on tape and can be furnished upon request.

3. You wrote: "Look up "force" in the dictionary. Does it say a lonely man wanting to join a party."

This complaint references a quote from my report which says:

"Police reports indicate the shooting happened as Sheda was trying to force his way into the private house party of Luis Mark Hogan of Duluth."

The information for this statement comes from the above referenced criminal complaint. It says...

"Sheda walked over to the same fence and indicated that he wanted to come over the fence and join the party. Defendant told Sheda to leave. Sheda pulled out a \$100 bill and said that he had money. Bluebird claimed that he jokingly snatched the \$100 bill, but gave it back to Sheda right away. Sheda reacted by punching West in the nose, causing his nose to bleed. Defendant approached Sheda and punched him, knocking him down, and then punched him repeatedly.... At one point, Sheda came over the fence and walked up the back stairs towards Defendant's apartment, saying that he would not leave until he got his wallet..."
(Copy of complaint included)

3. You wrote: "Bullshit – who said it"

This complaint references a quote from my report which says:

"It's been said that Sheda may have had a death wish based on a posting he made on his MySpace account."

This Sheda "MySpace" posting was cited in various media reports in the Northland and Twin Cities. We and other media commented on what we read. Those who said Adam Sheda may have had a death wish, based on this MySpace posting, include various media reports, comments posted to various blogs, comments made on talk radio, and various comments made in conversations with this journalist and others within my hearing.

4. You wrote: "A lonely man writing nonsense"

This complaint references a quote from my report, referring to Sheda's "MySpace" posting which says:

"While still in Iraq he wrote..."My plans when I get back are to drink until my heart stops."
Your speculation is that he was a lonely man writing nonsense. Others apparently speculated that on his return, Adam Sheda may have been depressed to the point of wanting to drink himself to death.

Thank you for your comments and again, I extend my deepest sympathies on the loss of your son.

Sincerely,

Barbara Reyelts
Northland's News Center News Manager

State of Minnesota

County of St. Louis, District Court

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COURT CASE NO.

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COMPLAINT
and
Order of Detention
Felony

State of Minnesota,
PLAINTIFF,

VS.

NAME: first, middle, last

LUIS MARK HOGAN, 25
11/06/1981
927 E. 5th St., Upper Apt.
Duluth, MN 55805

DEFENDANT.

Cindy: 726-2475
0424
2436

- Judge Martin

COMPLAINT

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s). The complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant is a peace officer with the Duluth Police Department. Complainant is familiar with persons submitting reports in this matter and believes those persons to be reliable and their reports to be true and correct.

On or about June 30, 2007, at approximately 03:39 hours, Duluth Police Officers Tanski and Holton were dispatched to the vicinity of 927 East 5th Street, Duluth, Saint Louis County, Minnesota, on the report of arguing, fighting, and shots fired. The Officers responded to the scene.

Outside, in the rear of the property, Officer found a resident of the address, LUIS MARK HOGAN, DOB 11/6/81, Defendant herein, and several other individuals. ADAM MICHAEL SHEDA, DOB 6/6/81, was found dead, lying on the ground. A subsequent autopsy concluded that Sheda died from a single gunshot wound to his head. A pistol was found near Sheda.

The scene was secured, photographs were taken, evidence was collected and numerous individuals were interviewed as part of the investigation.

The investigation revealed that at approximately 21:00 hours on June 29th, 2007, Sheda had been picked up by a cab from his home in Cloquet. He was driven to the Black Bear Casino and later to a bar in Duluth. Sheda left the establishment at approximately 01:15 hours on June 30th, and made his way to the Fond Du

Luth Casino. He was turned away from this establishment because it was believed he was apparently intoxicated. Sheda had brought with him a pistol and approximately \$2000.

Sometime around 03:30 hours, Sheda had traveled to the area of 10th Avenue East and Fifth Street. When Sheda was walking near 927 East Fifth Street, he was apparently drawn to the sound of people outside talking and drinking at the address. Sheda did not know any of the residents or visitors that he found there. Defendant, who lived in the second floor unit of the duplex at the location, and two female friends were outside of the residence in the back yard. Also with them, drinking beer and talking were two other males, unknown by any of the parties. One male was Michael West, and the other Bobby Bluebird. West and Bluebird had been walking in the area just a few minutes before and had been drawn to the sounds of what they believed to be a party. They had entered the property by jumping over the fence on the eastern edge of the property.

Sheda walked over to the same fence and indicated that he wanted to come over the fence and join the party. Defendant told Sheda to leave. Sheda pulled out a \$100 bill and said that he had money. Bluebird claimed that he jokingly snatched the \$100 bill, but gave it back to Sheda right away. Sheda reacted by punching West in the nose, causing his nose to bleed. Defendant approached Sheda and punched him, knocking him down, and then punched him repeatedly. West and Bluebird tried to break up the fight but then walked away into the alley. During this altercation, Sheda apparently dropped his wallet. Defendant went inside to wake up his brother, Diego Hogan.

Sheda complained to those outside that he had lost his wallet. Inside the wallet was approximately \$1600.00. At one point, Sheda came over the fence and walked up the back stairs towards Defendant's apartment, saying that he would not leave until he got his wallet. Defendant struck Sheda several times, sending him falling down the stairs, and possibly knocking him unconscious.

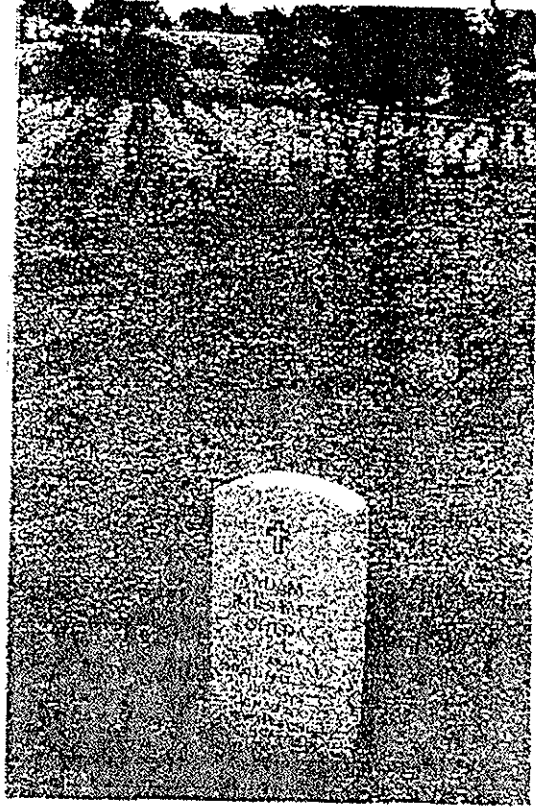
The wallet was eventually found and returned to Sheda, but when Sheda made a derogatory comment, Diego Hogan began punching Sheda. After Sheda punched Diego Hogan in the face, cutting his lip, Defendant began repeatedly punching Sheda, who was now on the west side of the fence. Defendant was straddling Sheda, who was on the ground. Defendant repeatedly punched Sheda. Diego Hogan told investigators that he heard two gun shots and believed that Defendant had shot Sheda because Defendant had told him he shot and killed him. Diego also heard Defendant yell at Sheda "187 motherfucker!" "187" is a term used in some rap songs as a reference to the California penal code pertaining to murder.

West and Bluebird had walked back towards the residence because they had left a cell phone behind. When they were close, they had also heard someone yell "187, motherfucker!" and heard two shots. West and Bluebird then fled the area.

Defendant admitted to investigators that Sheda had taken out his pistol while Defendant was assaulting him. Defendant had wrestled Sheda's pistol from him, put it up under Sheda's chin, and shot him in the head. Defendant said he then dropped the gun. Defendant admitted, yelling "187!" Defendant admitted that he knew the term and its meaning from its frequent reference in rap music. Defendant admitted to have had the better of Sheda and that Sheda was intoxicated and probably took out his pistol because Defendant was hurting him.

adam AT FT. SNELLING.

[TO THOSE AT CH 6]



CH. 6 DOES GIVE US MORE HEARTACHES. MICHELL I HOPE

YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR COLLEAGUE AND ALL THE PAIN SHE HAS CAUSED OUR FAMILY OUR SON, ADAM SNEDDA, A COMBAT VET WHO DID NOTHING TO CH 6 AND MS. REVELTS WAS THE SUBJECT OF A STORY ON RETURNING VETS. WHAT DID HE DO TO DESERVE THIS? WHILE IN IRAQ HE SAW POOR

KIDS AND WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEM. HE SENT HOME FOR MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY TO SEND HIM TOYS AND CANDY TO GIVE PRESENTS TO THE ^{POOR} KIDS HE SAW ON PATROL. MS REVELTS (IN MY OPINION) CAN NEVER BECOME THE PERSON ADAM WAS BECAUSE SHE PREYS ON HUMAN MISERY WHILE ADAM TRIED TO ALLEVIATE.

EVERY MORNING (3,4,5 AM) WHEN I WAKE UP THINKING ABOUT ADAM, THINKING ABOUT YOUR STORY I KNOW I CAN'T SLEEP ANY MORE. I GET UP AND AS I WALK INTO THE LIVING ROOM I SEE PICTURES OF ADAM. ADAM AROUND 6 YRS OLD BURYING A DEAD RABBIT, ADAM WITH HIS GIRL, ADAM GRADUATING FROM BOOT CAMP, ADAM IN HIS

DRESS UNIFORM DANCING WITH HIS MOM AT ONE OF HIS SISTERS WEDDING. SOMETIMES I CRY, SOMETIMES I CURSE, SOMETIMES I SEE HIM IN THE CASKET AND SOMETIMES I REMEMBER US DOING THINGS. THIS ADAM IS NOT THE ADAM YOU PLEASURE ON.

MS. REVELTS (IN MY OPINION) YOU ARE A DISOICABLE PERSON. YOU SENT ME A LETTER DRFIANTLY TELLING ME YOUR REASONS FOR USING OUR SON FOR YOUR PERSONAL GAIN. YOU AGAIN GAVE US YOU "CONDOLENCES" AND YOU SAY YOU ARE "VERY SORRY" YOUR STORY MADE OUR PAIN WORSE. I REJECT ALL THIS AND ASK WHAT COULD BE WORSE TO A MOTHER TO HAVE HER SON VILIFIED ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME SO YOU COULD LOOK LIKE A BIG SHOT.

THE WORST PART OF YOUR "STORY" WAS SAYING ADAM HAD A "DEATH WISH". YOU COULD HAVE CALLED US OR HIS FRIENDS AND WE WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT ADAM. HE WASN'T PERFECT BUT HE WAS HAPPY TO BE OUT OF THAT HELL HOLE AND READY TO GET ON WITH HIS LIFE. BUT THIS WOULD BE A DIFFERENT PICTURE OF OUR SON THAT YOU WANTED TO PORTRAY. IN YOUR ANSWER TO ME YOU STATED "YOUR SPECULATION

IS THAT HE WAS A ^{III}LONELY SOLDIER WRITING
 NONSENSE. OTHERS APPARENTLY SPECULATED
 THAT ON HIS RETURN ADAM SHEDA MAY HAVE
 BEEN DEPRESSED TO THE POINT OF WANTING TO
 SHOOT HIMSELF TO DEATH. "JUST LOOK AT
 THOSE WORDS. IS THAT THE WAY A TRUE
 JOURNALIST GOES ABOUT WRITING A STORY. IS
SPECULATION" TO BE INCLUDED IN A "FACTUAL"
 STORY. YOU STATE "ADAM SHEDA MAY HAVE
 HAD A DEATH WISH BASED ON VARIOUS COMMENTS
 MADE TO THIS "JOURNALIST" AND OTHERS WITHIN MY
 HEARING. BOY YOU ARE A PIECE OF WORK (IN
 MY OPINION).

Tony Sheda
 200 BARKER RD
 LORENTHALL, MN 55747

COPY TO MINN. NEWS COUNCIL

At CHRISTMAS TIME CH 6 RAN A STORY THAT "USED" MY SON SSG ADAM SHEDA. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE THOUSANDS WHO SAW THAT BROADCAST THOUGHT OF MY SON. READ THE TRANSCRIPT AND TELL ME WHAT YOUR ~~TRANSCRIPT~~ IMPRESSION OF ADAM IS. ALL OF THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW ADAM WOULD THINK HE WAS A DEPRESSED, TROUBLED ~~ADULT~~ THAT WANTED TO KILL HIMSELF. PLEASE TELL THIS GRIEVING DAD WHAT WAS GAINED BY THIS ASSAULT ON ADAM.

WHAT DID ADAM DO TO DESERVE THIS? HE SERVED IN A WAR FOR 16 mos. HE DIDN'T ASK WHY. HIS COUNTRY CALLED AND HE VOLUNTEERED. WHAT KIND OF A MESSAGE DOES THIS SEND TO OTHER YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN? SERVE AND BE VILIFIED. DOES MS. REYELTS LOATHE THOSE WHO SERVE THAT MUCH?

MS. REYELTS COULD HAVE CONTACTED ADAM'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU HE WAS HAPPY TO BE HOME. HE PLANNED ON GOING BACK TO RUSSIA, HE HAD MILITARY SHOWS LINED UP, WAS GOING TO FINISH RESTORING HIS BELOVED MUSTANG. WEDNESDAY BEFORE HE DIED HE CAME OVER AND WITH HIS BROTHER AND I TARGET PRACTICED ALL AFTERNOON. HE SAID LATER THAT WAS ONE

F. BEST DAYS OF HIS LIFE. WE NEVER SAW HIM AGAIN. I COULD TELL YOU OF A BOY WHO DID IMPRESSIONS OF GEO. BUSH AND ROSS PEROT AND THEIR ANTICS TO MAKE US LAUGH. MOST DON'T KNOW THIS ADAM THEY (THANKS TO CNN) THINK OF ADAM AS SCREWED UP, DEPRESSED, SUICIDAL, ETC. HE MADE SOME BAD CHOICES THAT NIGHT BUT WAS ONLY WANTING TO BE WITH PEOPLE NOT WANTING TO DIE.

IF THIS WAS YOUR SON HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR SON WAS "USED" IN THIS MANNER. WAS THIS FAIR? I KNOW I'LL NEVER SEE MY SON AGAIN AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM R.I.P. NO MORE SENSATIONALISM. LEAVE HIS MEMORY BE GOOD.

TONY SHEDA

AD News Council,

SOME FALLOUT FROM THE CH 6'S MS REVELTS
STORY ON MY SON SSG ADAM SHEDA, IRAQ
VETERAN. SINCE THE STORY AIRED OTHERS
APPARANTLY SPECULATE THAT THIS STORY
MAY TAINT THE JURY IN THE UPCOMING
MURDER TRIAL. SOME IN OUR FAMILY HAVE
SEEN BLOGS THAT SAYS ADAM GOT WHAT HE
DESERVED. JUST THINK OF THE IMPLICATIONS
OF A STORY LIKE THIS INFLUENCING A JURY!
THIS IS SERIOUS AS IT MAY LEAD TO A CHANGE
OF VENUE. THE WORST COULD BE IF ENOUGH
JURORS WERE INFLUENCED MY SON'S MURDERER
MIGHT GO FREE. WOULDN'T THAT BE A SUBVERSION
OF JUSTICE. SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Tony Sheda



218-384-4734

YOU MAY POST THIS FOR ALL TO SEE

SSG Adam Sheda was my son. To those who used him as an example I hope you never have to go through the pain and sorrow that we went through. You can't even imagine what it does to you. From the words "Adam's dead", through the funeral, seeing his tombstone at Ft Snelling. Even now it's like we're living in an alternate world of pain and sadness. My God, can't you let him rest in peace. The pain you caused our family is terrible.

For a few pieces of silver you did a story about my son Adam. The story implied my son had a "death wish." To imply this is a total disregard and disrespect of a fine young soldier and all veterans. Adam spent 6 months training and 16 months in that hell hole. What he did we don't know. At times he was up for 36 hrs at a time. Day and night was blurred to him. We believe he was looking to be with people his cousin lived very close to where he was killed. We believe he was on his way to see him when he heard voices and music. Adam didn't go there waving a gun or hollaring "kill me." On the contrary he offered to pay and was joking with the girls. At some point his wallet

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WAS TAKEN AND HE WAS TRYING TO GET IT BACK. HE WAS BEATEN, KICKED AND SHOT. WHERE THE GUN CAME FROM IS UNCLEAR. IT HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN THAT ADAM HAD A GUN. (CALL THE CO. ATTY AND ASK IF THEY HAVE DEFINATE PROOF ADAM HAD A GUN.)

A "DEATH WISH"? ADAM WAS PLANNING A DEC. TRIP TO RUSSIA. HE HAD BOOTH SPACE PAID FOR AT MILITARY SHOWS. HE WAS RESTORING HIS MUSTANG. HE WAS PAINTING A PICTURE OF HIS NIECE. "DEATH WISH" WHAT A DISTORTION OF HIS LIFE. HE WAS LONELY AND LOOKING TO BE WITH OTHER NO MORE, NO LESS.

THE MISERY THIS STORY DID TO OUR FAMILY IS TERRIBLE BUT WORSE IS THE SLANDER IT DID TO A FINE AMERICAN SOLDIER, SON AND BROTHER. I HOPE YOU ARE ALL PROUD OF YOURSELF.

WHY DON'T YOU DO A STORY ABOUT MIDDLE AGED WOMEN (AND BEYOND) DRESS LIKE THE WHORE WE ALL KNEW AND LAUGHED AT IN HIGH SCHOOL

OUR ATTY'S WILL BE GOING OVER EVERY WORD AND DECIDE IF THE STORY WAS FACTUAL AND ABOVE BOARD. YOUR DISRESPECT OF VETERANS SHOWS

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