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Control Number: 51030-2

Internal Suspense: 04-Nov-05

Date Received: 30-Oct-05

Suspense Date:

Type of Action: 15-6 Investigation

Date(s) of Incident: 11 Oct 05
~~10/30/2005~~

Unit(s) Involved: 1 and 3 Sqd/4/65th MP Co, 503rd MP Bn,

Appointing Authority COL (b)(3)(b)(6)

Investigating Officer: ILT (b)(3)(b)(6)

Contact Name SSG (b)(3)(b)(6)

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Description Details: 1 LN KIA: 1/4/65th MP Co patrol was struck by a SVBIED on (b)(2)High and were still at the site when another vehicle approached at a high rate of spd. Veh failed to slow down for EOF measures and was engaged to kill.

Remarks:

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

HEADQUARTERS
MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS - IRAQ
BAGHDAD, IRAQ
APO AE 09342

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01 NOV 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, 42nd Military Police Brigade (Airborne), Camp Victory, Iraq 09342

SUBJECT: Report of AR 15-6 Investigation into Escalation of Force (EOF) by an Element of 65th Military Police Company on 11 October 2005 Resulting in the Death of a Local National Civilian

1. I have reviewed the Report of Investigation concerning the facts and circumstances surrounding the 11 October 2005 EOF by 4th PLT, 1st SQD, 65th MP CO. Note that the Investigating Officer needs to sign the Report, Section VI "Authentication", on the sheet containing your original signature. I find that it is legally sufficient subject to the comments below.

a. The findings of the Investigating Officer are supported by a preponderance of the evidence as contained in the exhibits.

b. There were no material errors present which would affect the findings and recommendations.

c. The actions taken during this investigation comply with the legal and procedural requirements of AR 15-6.

d. The recommendations of the Investigating Officer are consistent with the findings.

2. The Findings and Recommendations by the Investigating Officer may be adopted, rejected or modified by the Appointing Authority, so long as there is evidence within the Report of Investigation with its enclosures and exhibits to support the modifications. Note that the findings and recommendations of the IO have already been approved by the Appointing Authority.

3. The POC for this action is MAJ (b)(3)(b)(6) at (b)(3)(b)(6) @iraq.centcom.mil, or DSN (b)(2)High

FOR THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE:

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

MAJ, JA
Administrative Law Attorney

Encl
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER/BOARD OF OFFICERS

For use of this form, see AR 15-6; the proponent agency is OTJAG.

IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED IN FILLING OUT ANY PORTION OF THIS FORM, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS

SECTION I - APPOINTMENT

Appointed by (b)(3)(b)(6) **42ND MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE COMMANDER**
(Appointing authority)

on 13 OCT 05 *(Date)* *(Attach inclosure 1: Letter of appointment or summary of oral appointment data.) (See para 3-15, AR 15-6.)*

SECTION II - SESSIONS

The *(investigation) (board)* commenced at 65th MP CO TOC, FOB Merez Mosul, Iraq at 1900
(Place) (Time)

on 18 OCT 05 *(Date)* *(If a formal board met for more than one session, check here . Indicate in an inclosure the time each session began and ended, the place, persons present and absent, and explanation of absences, if any.)* The following persons *(members, respondents, counsel)* were present: *(After each name, indicate capacity, e.g., President, Recorder, Member, Legal Advisor.)*

The following persons *(members, respondents, counsel)* were absent: *(Include brief explanation of each absence.) (See paras 5-2 and 5-8a, AR 15-6.)*

The *(investigating officer) (board)* finished gathering/hearing evidence at 1930 on 19 OCT 05
(Time) (Date)
 and completed findings and recommendations at 2100 on 20 OCT 05
(Time) (Date)

SECTION III - CHECKLIST FOR PROCEEDINGS

A. COMPLETE IN ALL CASES

		YES	NO ¹	NA ²
1	Inclosures <i>(para 3-15, AR 15-6)</i>			
	Are the following inclosed and numbered consecutively with Roman numerals: <i>(Attached in order listed)</i>			
	a. The letter of appointment or a summary of oral appointment data?	X		
	b. Copy of notice to respondent, if any? <i>(See item 9, below)</i>			X
	c. Other correspondence with respondent or counsel, if any?			X
	d. All other written communications to or from the appointing authority?			X
	e. Privacy Act Statements <i>(Certificate, if statement provided orally)?</i>	X		
	f. Explanation by the investigating officer or board of any unusual delays, difficulties, irregularities, or other problems encountered <i>(e.g., absence of material witnesses)?</i>		X	
	g. Information as to sessions of a formal board not included on page 1 of this report?			X
	h. Any other significant papers <i>(other than evidence)</i> relating to administrative aspects of the investigation or board?		X	

FOOTNOTES: ¹ Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.

² Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.

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		YES	NO ^{1/}	NA ^{2/}
2	Exhibits (para 3-16, AR 15-6)			
	a. Are all items offered (whether or not received) or considered as evidence individually numbered or lettered as exhibits and attached to this report?	X		
	b. Is an index of all exhibits offered to or considered by investigating officer or board attached before the first exhibit?	X		
	c. Has the testimony/statement of each witness been recorded verbatim or been reduced to written form and attached as an exhibit?	X		
	d. Are copies, descriptions, or depictions (if substituted for real or documentary evidence) properly authenticated and is the location of the original evidence indicated?	X		
	e. Are descriptions or diagrams included of locations visited by the investigating officer or board (para 3-6, AR 15-6)?	X		
	f. Is each written stipulation attached as an exhibit and is each oral stipulation either reduced to writing and made an exhibit or recorded in a verbatim record?			X
	g. If official notice of any matter was taken over the objection of a respondent or counsel, is a statement of the matter of which official notice was taken attached as an exhibit (para 3-16d, AR 15-6)?			X
3	Was a quorum present when the board voted on findings and recommendations (paras 4-1 and 5-2b, AR 15-6)?			X
B. COMPLETE ONLY FOR FORMAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS (Chapter 5, AR 15-6)				
4	At the initial session, did the recorder read, or determine that all participants had read, the letter of appointment (para 5-3b, AR 15-6)?			
5	Was a quorum present at every session of the board (para 5-2b, AR 15-6)?			
6	Was each absence of any member properly excused (para 5-2a, AR 15-6)?			
7	Were members, witnesses, reporter, and interpreter sworn, if required (para 3-1, AR 15-6)?			X
8	If any members who voted on findings or recommendations were not present when the board received some evidence, does the inclosure describe how they familiarized themselves with that evidence (para 5-2d, AR 15-6)?			X
C. COMPLETE ONLY IF RESPONDENT WAS DESIGNATED (Section II, Chapter 5, AR 15-6)				
9	Notice to respondents (para 5-5, AR 15-6):			
	a. Is the method and date of delivery to the respondent indicated on each letter of notification?			
	b. Was the date of delivery at least five working days prior to the first session of the board?			
	c. Does each letter of notification indicate—			
	(1) the date, hour, and place of the first session of the board concerning that respondent?			
	(2) the matter to be investigated, including specific allegations against the respondent, if any?			
	(3) the respondent's rights with regard to counsel?			
	(4) the name and address of each witness expected to be called by the recorder?			
	(5) the respondent's rights to be present, present evidence, and call witnesses?			
	d. Was the respondent provided a copy of all unclassified documents in the case file?			
	e. If there were relevant classified materials, were the respondent and his counsel given access and an opportunity to examine them?			X
10	If any respondent was designated after the proceedings began (or otherwise was absent during part of the proceedings):			
	a. Was he properly notified (para 5-5, AR 15-6)?			X
	b. Was record of proceedings and evidence received in his absence made available for examination by him and his counsel (para 5-4c, AR 15-6)?			X
11	Counsel (para 5-6, AR 15-6):			
	a. Was each respondent represented by counsel?			
	Name and business address of counsel:			
	(If counsel is a lawyer, check here <input type="checkbox"/>)			
	b. Was respondent's counsel present at all open sessions of the board relating to that respondent?			X
	c. If military counsel was requested but not made available, is a copy (or, if oral, a summary) of the request and the action taken on it included in the report (para 5-6b, AR 15-6)?			X
12	If the respondent challenged the legal advisor or any voting member for lack of impartiality (para 5-7, AR 15-6):			
	a. Was the challenge properly denied and by the appropriate officer?			X
	b. Did each member successfully challenged cease to participate in the proceedings?			X
13	Was the respondent given an opportunity to (para 5-8a, AR 15-6):			
	a. Be present with his counsel at all open sessions of the board which deal with any matter which concerns the respondent?			
	b. Examine and object to the introduction of real and documentary evidence, including written statements?			X
	c. Object to the testimony of witnesses and cross-examine witnesses other than his own?			X
	d. Call witnesses and otherwise introduce evidence?			
	e. Testify as a witness?			
	f. Make or have his counsel make a final statement or argument (para 5-9, AR 15-6)?			
14	If requested, did the recorder assist the respondent in obtaining evidence in possession of the Government and arranging for the presence of witnesses (para 5-8b, AR 15-6)?			X
15	Are all of the respondent's requests and objections which were denied indicated in the report of proceedings or an inclosure or exhibit to it (para 5-11, AR 15-6)?			X

FOOTNOTES: 1/ Explain all negative answers on an attached sheet.
2/ Use of the N/A column constitutes a positive representation that the circumstances described in the question did not occur in this investigation or board.

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SECTION IV - FINDINGS (para 3-10, AR 15-6)

The (investigating officer) (board), having carefully considered the evidence, finds:

On 111403COCT05, 4th PLT, 1st SQD of the 65th MP CO (Ripcord 41) was traveling southbound on (b)(2)High at grid (b)(2)High when a SVBIED (white in color sedan) traveling northbound on (b)(2)High suddenly swerved into the middle of Ripcord 41's patrol and detonated just prior to striking the 2nd vehicle (M1117) in the patrol. Ripcord 41 immediately radioed to 65th MP CO TOC (Ripcord Main) that they had been struck with a VBIED and to stand-by for further information.

4th PLT, 3rd SQD (Ripcord 43) was then dispatched to the scene to provide security. Ripcord 43 arrived on scene and began establishing a cordon. After the initial cordon was set, Ripcord 43 (Driver, SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) and Gunner, SPC (b)(3)(b)(6)) realized that they needed to expand their cordon. Ripcord 43 expanded their cordon and was in the process of setting up the cordon when a (white in color sedan) began approaching their outer cordon at a high rate of speed. Ripcord 43 (SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) and SPC (b)(3)(b)(6)) attempted to wave the approaching vehicle off with hand and arm signals that met with negative results. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired 1 x well placed 5.56 round in front of the approaching vehicle and still the vehicle failed to stop. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired 1 x 5.56 round into the grill of the approaching vehicle. Again the vehicle failed to stop. At this point, SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) fired 1 x .50 cal round in front of the vehicle as a warning shot and the vehicle still failed to stop. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired approximately 13 x 5.56 rounds into the vehicle. At the same time, SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) engaged the vehicle with approximately 20 x .50 cal rounds. The vehicle immediately caught fire with the LN inside the vehicle. Ripcord 47 (PSG, SFC (b)(3)(b)(6)) then radioed Ripcord Main to relay the escalation of force incident. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) and SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) were both qualified on their assigned weapons, which were used during the escalation of force incident.

The landowners (2-1 IN, Legion 33) was notified and responded with a platoon for additional security. The ASV was recovered and all Ripcord elements cleared the scene at 111650COCT05. 2-1 IN had EOD respond and clear the LN vehicle that was involved in the escalation of force incident, as it was originally thought to be a second VBIED. 2-1 IN reported that the LN vehicle was clear and not a second VBIED.

SECTION V - RECOMMENDATIONS (para 3-11, AR 15-6)

In view of the above findings, the (investigating officer) (board) recommends:

The Soldiers involved in this incident should not be subjected to disciplinary action. To reduce the frequency with Coalition Forces must use deadly force where there is no actual threat, TFF should continue educating local nationals on yielding to Coalition Forces and proceeding with caution when approaching Coalition Forces and ISF convoys.

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SECTION VI - AUTHENTICATION (para 3-17, AR 15-6)

THIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE. (If any voting member or the recorder fails to sign here or in Section VII below, indicate the reason in the space where his signature should appear.)

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

ILT (b)(3)(b)(6) 59th MP CO
(Investigating Officer) (President)

(Recorder)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

(Member)

SECTION VII - MINORITY REPORT (para 3-13, AR 15-6)

To the extent indicated in Inclosure _____, the undersigned do(es) not concur in the findings and recommendations of the board. (In the inclosure, identify by number each finding and/or recommendation in which the dissenting member(s) do(es) not concur. State the reasons for disagreement. Additional/substitute findings and/or recommendations may be included in the inclosure.)

(Member)

(Member)

SECTION VIII - ACTION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY (para 2-3, AR 15-6)

The findings and recommendations of the (investigating officer) (board) are (approved) (disapproved) (approved with following exceptions/substitutions). (If the appointing authority returns the proceedings to the investigating officer or board for further proceedings or corrective action, attach that evidence (or a summary, if oral) as a numbered inclosure.)

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_____	1LT (b)(3)(b)(6) 59th MP CO
(Recorder)	(Investigating Officer) (President)
_____	_____
(Member)	(Member)
_____	_____
(Member)	(Member)

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(Member)	(Member)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS, 42ND MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE
 CAMP VICTORY, IRAQ
 APO AE 09342

REPLY TO
 ATTENTION OF:

AFZH-MP

13 OCTOBER 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR 1LT [redacted] 59th Military Police Company, 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne)

SUBJECT: Appointment of Investigating Officer

1. You are hereby appointed as an investigating officer pursuant to Army Regulation (AR) 15-6, *Procedure for Investigating Officers and Boards of Officers*, to investigate circumstances surrounding the escalation of force incident by an element of the 65th Military Police Company at [redacted] on 11 October 2005, resulting in the death of one Local National Civilian, including whether members of the element were qualified on their assigned weapons and the likely outcome of the situation, had the shots not been fired.

2. You should complete your investigation in accordance with the procedures set forth in AR 15-6. If, during the course of your investigation, you suspect that individuals may have committed misconduct or criminal activity, you are required to advise them of their rights under Article 31, UCMJ, or the Fifth Amendment (as appropriate), both orally and in writing.

3. You are directed to obtain sworn statements from all witnesses and ensure that each witness completes a Privacy Act disclosure form. If you are unable to obtain a sworn statement from a particular witness, you will prepare a detailed memorandum for record, memorializing the interview and explaining why a sworn statement was not obtained.

4. Captain [redacted], MNC-I, Administrative Law, will serve as your legal advisor. Before proceeding, contact her at DSN [redacted] or [redacted]@iraq.centcom.mil, for a pre-investigation briefing.

5. Upon completion of your investigation, you will prepare a written report of your findings and recommendations for disposition. Ensure that all recommendations are consistent with your findings of fact. Your investigation should be completed within seven calendar days of the date of this memorandum. Any delays beyond seven calendar days must be approved by me, in writing.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is SSG [redacted] at DSN [redacted] [redacted] or [redacted]@iraq.centcom.smil.mil.

[redacted]
 (b)(3)(b)(6)

COL, MP
 Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
503D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION (AIRBORNE)
FOB MAREZ, MOSUL, IRAQ
APO AE 09334

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11 OCTOBER 2005

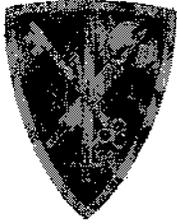
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, TASK FORCE FREEDOM, MOSUL, IRAQ APO
AE 09334

SUBJECT: Serious Incident Report

1. Purpose. To provide information relating to an Escalation of Force.
2. Reference. Initial Serious Incident Report sent 111530COCT05.
3. CPT (b)(3)(b)(6) reported incident 111430COCT05.
4. Background: At 1114030COCT05, a SVBIED detonated on 65 MP CO (ABN), Ripcord 41, at (b)(2)High
5. Summary: Additional 65 MP CO (ABN) elements provided security after the detonation of the SVBIED when a white vehicle approached their northern cordon at a high rate of speed at 111425COCT05. Ripcord 47 fired 1x M4 5.56mm round as a warning shot. The vehicle failed to stop. Ripcord 47 reported that they then engaged the vehicle with 20x rounds of .50 cal which caught the vehicle on fire. Ripcord 47 reported the unknown number of vehicle occupants KIA. Ripcord 47 reported the vehicle could be a PVBIED, but there were no secondary explosions. EOD was requested through 2-1 IN along with additional security assets. EOD determined the vehicle to not be a PVBIED at 111800COCT05.
6. Point of Contact for this document is the undersigned at VOIP (b)(2)High
(b)(3)(b)(6) @mnbw.iraq.army.smil.mil.

(b)(3)(b)(6)
CPT, MP
Battle Captain

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503 MP BN (ABN) SALUTE REPORT



REPORTED BY: SSG (b)(3)(b)(6)

UNIT: 65 MP CO (ABN)

PHONE: (b)(2)High

RECEIVED BY: CPT (b)(3)(b)(6)

UNIT: 503 MP BN (ABN)

PHONE: (b)(2)High

REPORT DTG: 111410COCT05

SIZE: 1x AIF/LN vehicle

ACTIVITY: SVBIED

LOCATION: (b)(2)High

STATION NAME: N/A

UNIT: Unknown

TIME: 111403COCT05

EQUIPMENT: Unknown

SUMMARY: An IP partnership squad from 65 MP CO (ABN), Ripcord 41, while traveling south (b)(2)High, had a SVBIED, driving northbound. (b)(2)High detonate into the second vehicle in the patrol, an M1117 (ASV), at (b)(2)High (b)(2)High Ripcord 41 sustained no injuries. 1x M1117 sustained disabling damage and 1x M1114 sustained a flat tire. Ripcord 47 and Ripcord 43 responded to provide additional security. More to follow.

UPDATE (111506COCT05): A white vehicle approached the northern cordon of the SVBIED detonation site at a high rate of speed. Ripcord 47 fired 1x M4 5.56mm rd as a warning shot. The vehicle failed to stop. Ripcord 47 reported that they then engaged the vehicle with 20x rds of .50cal which caught the vehicle on fire. Ripcord 47 reported the unknown number of vehicle occupants KIA. Ripcord 47 reported the vehicle could be a PVBIED, but there were no secondary explosions. EOD was requested through 2-1 IN along with additional security assets. More to follow.

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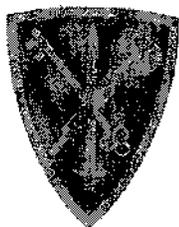
503 MP BN (ABN) SALUTE REPORT

UPDATE (111851COCT05): All Ripcord elements cleared the scene at 111650COCT05. EOD arrived on scene and determined the vehicle to not be a VBIED. 1x LN was KIA in the vehicle. All other elements cleared the scene at 111800COCT05.

UPDATE (112045COCT05): Ripcord 41 transported 2x soldiers to CSH when they returned to MAREZ. 1x soldier received a bruised left knee and was returned to duty and 1x soldier was treated for minor flash burns to the back of his neck and returned to duty.

Safety Measures	Yes: X	No:
(b)(2)High		
EOD response	Notified: 1500	Cleared:
Route Closed	Closed: 1403	Open:
Land Owner Notified:		
Unit / Call Sign / Time: 2-1 IN / LEGION 33 / 111415COCT05		

***Safety Measures include escalation of force measures, gunners at name tape defilade, seatbelts worn, hearing protection worn, ballistic helmets worn, and ballistic eyewear on.**



503 MP BN (ABN) SALUTE REPORT



REPORTED BY: SSG (b)(3)(b)(6)

UNIT: 65th MP CO

PHONE: (b)(2)High

RECEIVED BY: CPT (b)(3)(b)(6)

UNIT: 503 MP BN (ABN)

PHONE: (b)(2)High

REPORT DTG: 111410COCT05

SIZE: 1 x LN vehicle

ACTIVITY: SVBIED

LOCATION: (b)(2)High

STATION NAME: N/A

UNIT: 4/65TH MP CO (ABN)

TIME: 111403COCT05

EQUIPMENT: 1 x M1117 damaged, 1 x M1114 damaged

SUMMARY: Ripcord 41 was traveling southbound on (b)(2)High at (b)(2)High (b)(2)High when a SVBIED that was traveling northbound rammed the 2nd vehicle (M-1117). Ripcord 41 reported no injuries. Ripcord 41 reported disabling damage to the M-1117 and 1 x M1114 with a flat tire. MORE TO FOLLOW...

UPDATE: 101435COCT05 – Ripcord 47 reported a white in color vehicle was approaching their northern cordon at a high rate of speed. Ripcord 47 said 1 x M-4 (5.56) round was fire as a warning shot. Ripcord 47 reported the vehicle failed to stop. Ripcord 47 reported that they then engaged the vehicle with 20x .50cal catching the vehicle on fire. The vehicle is occupied x unknown paxs. Ripcord 47 reported that the vehicle occupants were KIA. Ripcord 47 reported they believe the vehicle could be a PVBIED. MORE TO FOLLOW....

UPDATE: SEE ATTACHED

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503 MP BN (ABN) SALUTE REPORT

Safety Measures	Yes: X	No:
(b)(2)High		
EOD response	Notified: N/A	Cleared:
Route Closed	Closed: N/A	Open:
Land Owner Notified:		
Unit / Call Sign / Time: 2-1 IN / LEGION 33 / 111415COCT05		

***Safety Measures include escalation of force measures, gunners at name tape defilade, seatbelts worn, hearing protection worn, ballistic helmets worn, and ballistic eyewear on.**

Incident: SVBIED attack

Date of Incident: 111403COCT05

Location of Incident: (b)(2)High Mosul, Iraq

Unit Involved: 1st Squad, 4th Platoon, 65th Military Police Company (Airborne)

Persons Involved: SSG (b)(3)(b)(6) SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) (lead vehicle - 432)
SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) PFC (b)(3)(b)(6) (middle vehicle - 412)
SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) (trail vehicle - 414)

Summary of Events: At 111403COCT05, Ripcord 41 was traveling southbound on (b)(2)High, when a SVBIED (white in color sedan) traveling northbound on (b)(2)High suddenly swerved into the middle of Ripcord 41's patrol and detonated just prior to striking the 2nd vehicle (M1117) in the patrol. Ripcord 41 immediately radioed to Ripcord Main that they had been struck with a SVBIED and to stand-by for further information. The patrol leader (SSG (b)(3)(b)(6)) exited the vehicle and ran to the ASV to check the injuries and damages to his squad members and the ASV. SSG Thompson radioed Ripcord Main that he had no injuries. Ripcord 43 was then dispatched to the scene to provide security. Ripcord 43 arrived on scene and began establishing a cordon. After the initial cordon was set, Ripcord 43 realized that they needed to expand their cordon. Ripcord 43 expanded their cordon and was in the process of setting up the cordon again when a vehicle began approaching their outer cordon at a high rate of speed. Ripcord 43 (SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) and SPC (b)(3)(b)(6)) attempted to wave the approaching vehicle off with hand and arm signals that met with negative results. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired 1 x well placed 5.56 round in front of the approaching vehicle and still the vehicle failed to stop. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired 1 x 5.56 round into the grill of the approaching vehicle. Again the vehicle failed to stop. At this point, SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) fired 1 x .50 cal round in front of the vehicle as a warning shot and the vehicle still failed to stop. At this point, the vehicle was fast approaching. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) then fired approximately 13 x 5.56 rounds into the vehicle. At the same time, SPC (b)(3)(b)(6) engaged the vehicle with approximately 20 x .50 cal rounds. The vehicle immediately caught fire with the LN inside the vehicle. Ripcord 47 (SFC (b)(3)(b)(6)) then radioed Ripcord Main to relay the escalation of force incident. Ripcord 41 then relayed that they would need recovery assets for the ASV. Ripcord 41 relayed that the ASV had the following damages. The damages consisted of 3 x flat tires, 1 x broken brake line, 4 x cracked view ports, 1 x central tire inflation system line broken, 1 x headlight mount broken, 1 x side mirror broken. Ripcord 41 also relayed that vehicle 432 had a flat tire and would self recover. Ripcord Main then notified the change of command and recovery assets were spun up. Ripcord 23 escorted the recovery assets to the scene and recovered the vehicle. The landowner (2-1 IN, Legion 33 was notified and responded with a platoon for additional security. The ASV was recovered and all Ripcord elements cleared the scene at 111650COCT05. 2-1 IN had EOD respond and clear the LN vehicle that was involved in the escalation of force

incident, as it was originally thought to be a second VBIED. 2-1 IN reported that the LN vehicle was clear and not a second VBIED. After returning to FOB Marez, SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) and PFC (b)(3)(b)(6) was transported to the BAS where they were treated for the following injuries. SGT (b)(3)(b)(6) sustained a bruised left knee and was RTD. PFC (b)(3)(b)(6) was treated for minor flash burns to the back of his neck and RTD.