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Seabee shot to death

Second sailor wounded in shooting

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GULFPORT - A Gulfport Seabee was gunned down Thursday in Guam and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service is questioning another member of NMCB 74 in connection with the shooting.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jared Krutke, 25, who joined the Navy from Sheboygan, Wis., was killed.

Another member of the Gulfport battalion, whose name has not been released, also was shot and is recovering from surgery at the Naval hospital in Guam.

The NCIS spent most of Friday interviewing a third Seabee in connection with the shooting. That sailor, whose name was not released, was being held at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam.

Krutke reported to NMCB 74 in July 2006, about four years after joining the Navy. The battalion left in October 2006 on its current mission. The main body is deployed to Iraq, with four detachments in other locations, including Guam.

In a written release, the Navy said it is committed to "thoroughly investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident and pursuing subsequent disciplinary action and legal charges as deemed appropriate."

In an e-mail to the Sun Herald, a Navy spokeswoman said there was nothing in the military records of "any member involved that would have caused concern for their performance, stability or decision-making ability," according to initial reports from the unit.

The Navy said there were no major disciplinary infractions and no high-risk indicators on the records of the three Seabees involved in the shooting. None of the three had ever been deployed to combat.

"We are grieving with the family and mourning the loss of a valued shipmate and friend," the Navy said in the initial release.

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