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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE
FORT KNOX, KY 40122

January 22, 2019

Freedom of Information Office

Mr. John Greenewald Jr
The Black Vault
27305 West Live Oak Road
#Suite 1203
Castaic CA 91384-4520

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copy of investigation records pertaining to the death of LaVena Johnson. Your request was received in this office on December 17, 2018 and is being processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. We have assigned control numbers FP-19-006012 and FA-19-0697 for administrative and tracking purposes. Please reference these tracking numbers when inquiring with this office about your request.

Please see the enclosed document responsive to your request. Personal information of others has been excised from the documents. This information includes social security numbers and/or other personal information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, the personal information of others is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 6 of the FOIA without the data subjects' express written consent, subpoena and/or court order.

Additionally, your request should be directed to the Department of the Army U.S. Army Central Command (ACC) for the investigation report, as a matter under their purview and for a direct response to you. You can reach their office with the following address:

U.S. Army Central Command
ATTN: ACIM-PRF
1 Gabreski Drive Building 1947
Shaw Air Force Base, SC 22315
POC: Mr. Arnell Credle
Usarmy.shaw.usarcent.mbx.foiateam@mail.mil
Phone: (803) 895-8620

Please do not consider this a denial of your request, but our effort to provide you with a response in a timely and efficient manner. If you require a formal response, you may submit a letter in writing to this Command, ATTN: AHRC-FOI. Upon receipt, your request will be processed through our Initial Denial Authority.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the US Army, Human Resources Command, FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Monique Wey-Gilbert at (502) 613-4057. Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

If you have already requested a formal response and are still not satisfied with your response, you have the right to appeal to the Office of the General Counsel through the Department of the Army, US Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-FOI, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Department 107, Fort Knox, Kentucky 40122-5504. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of this response.

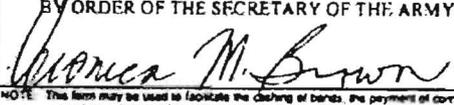
Please be advised there are no assessable Freedom of Information Act fees for processing your request. For additional information or assistance, please contact the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Office at (502) 613-4074 or usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.foia@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Spidell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Spidell
Government Information Specialist

Enclosure

REPORT OF CASUALTY		DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22331-0481		REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL DD-P&R(AR)1664	
1. REPORT TYPE Final				2. DATE PREPARED 15 Mar 2006	
3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION					
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle and Suffix) Johnson, Lavena Lynn		b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (b)(6)	c. RANK PFC	d. PAY GRADE E-2	e. OCCUPATION CODE/RATING 92Y10
f. COMPONENT Regular	g. BRANCH USA	h. ORGANIZATION HHD, 129th Combat Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, KY			
4. CASUALTY INFORMATION					
a. TYPE Nonhostile	b. STATUS Deceased	c. CATEGORY Self-Inflicted	d. DATE OF CASUALTY 19 Jul 2005	e. PLACE OF CASUALTY Balad, Iraq	
f. CIRCUMSTANCES Self-Inflicted: Intraoral gunshot wound of the head, per DD Form 2064 (Certificate of Death).					
g. DUTY STATUS Active: Present For Duty					h. BODY RECOVERED Yes
5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION					
a. DATE OF BIRTH 27 Jul 1985	b. PLACE OF BIRTH Saint Louis, MO		c. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States		
d. RACE Black or African American					
e. ETHNICITY None					f. SEX Female
g. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Christian, No Denominational Preference					
6. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION					
a. PLACE OF ENTRY N/A		b. DATE OF ENTRY 15 Sep 2004	c. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY Florissant, MO		
7. INTERESTED PERSONS/REMARKS (Name, Address, and Relationship) (Continue on separate sheet, if necessary) Conflict. WAR ON TERRORISM / OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (b)(6)					
<p>Private Lavena L. Johnson was posthumously promoted to the grade of Private First Class, as of 19 July, 2005, under provisions of Public Law 680, 77th Congress, as amended. Pay grade shown in item 3d is that of E-2 since additional pay is not involved.</p> <p>Changes were made to items #1, #2, #3h, #4c, and #4f. This replaces Interim Report dated 21 July 2005.</p>					
<p>FOOTNOTES</p> <p>1. Adult next of kin.</p> <p>2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in the event there is no surviving spouse or child - as designated on record of emergency data.</p> <p>3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances - as designated on record of emergency data.</p>					
8. REPORTING INFORMATION					
a. COMMAND AGENCY Cdr, 3rd PERSCOM, Kuwait, APO AE 09304 US					b. DATE RECEIVED 19 Jul 2005
9. DISTRIBUTION LNW		10. SIGNATURE ELEMENT BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY: 			
<p><small>NOTE: This form may be used to facilitate the clearing of bonds, the payment of commercial insurance or in the settlement of any other claim in which proof of death is required.</small></p>					