

Autopsy cites drugs in local Marine's death

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The U.S. Marine Corps has released the autopsy report for Cpl. Chad Oligschlaeger of Round Rock, who was found dead in his room at the Twentynine Palms Marine base in California on May 20, 2008.

The report found that Oligschlaeger died from multiple drug toxicity. His death was ruled accidental, according to the report.

The report shows that methamphetamine and the antidepressants sertraline and benzodiazepine were found in Oligschlaeger's system. Propranolol, a

hypertension drug used to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, and Quetiapine, an antipsychotic medication, were also found.

"There were no surprises there," Eric Oligschlaeger, Chad Oligschlaeger's father, said of the autopsy results. "The prescription drugs killed him."

Chad Oligschlaeger had returned from Iraq in early 2006, unsettled by flashbacks and nightmares.

His parents have said that he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and they have said that he was given prescription drugs to treat it. But his family said Oligschlaeger was left unsupervised

in military housing for long periods after his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Military officials have said that Marine policies prohibit commanders from discouraging mental health treatment or leaving physically or mentally wounded troops uncared for.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology would not comment on the findings, citing confidentiality laws related to patient information.

"The biggest thing was he wasn't drinking that night," Eric Oligschlaeger said. "And we got affirmation that he didn't commit suicide."

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