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**TWO FORT POLK SOLDIERS KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED IN AMBUSH**

FORT POLK, LA --The Department of Defense announced today the identity of two Fort Polk soldiers killed and the four wounded during an ambush in Iraq, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The soldiers, all assigned to Eagle Troop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, were on patrol when their unit was ambushed by individuals using small arms fire, grenades, and RPGs. Killed were:

- SSG Christopher Wayne Swisher, 26, a Cavalry Scout from Lincoln, NE. Swisher joined the Army in November of 1996 and had been at Fort Polk since February of 2002.
- PV2 Sean Anthony Silva, 23, a Cavalry Scout from Citrus Heights, CA. Silva joined the Army in February of this year and had been at Fort Polk since July.

The four injured soldiers are:

- PFC Jason Ross Milam, 20, from Aurora, CO.
- SPC Phillip Owen Davis, 21, from Centreville, VA.
- SPC Eric Allen Ridley, 27, from Portland, OR.
- PFC Robert E. Rogers, 28, Silsbee, TX.

All were evacuated to the Combat Support Hospital for treatment.

The incident remains under investigation.