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TWO FORT POLK SOLDIERS KILLED

FORT POLK, LA --The Department of Defense announced today the identity of two Fort Polk soldiers killed when an improvised explosive device struck the soldiers while they were on a mounted patrol in Baghdad, Iraq, February 11. Killed are:

- **Sergeant Patrick S. Tainsh, 33, of Oceanside, California. Sgt. Tainsh, a Cavalry Scout, joined the Army September 2000 and has been at Fort Polk since May 2001.**
- **Private First Class William C. Ramirez, 20, of Portland, Oregon. Pfc. Ramirez, a Fire Support Specialist, joined the Army May 2002 and has been at Fort Polk since September 2002.**

Both Soldiers were assigned to E Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The incident remains under investigation.