

## Marine shoots officer, wounds another on base

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.— A Marine walked into his lieutenant colonel's office and fatally shot him in the chest Tuesday, then seriously wounded another superior officer who came to investigate, officials said.

Sgt. Jessie A. Quintanilla was arrested shortly after the shooting at the Marine Corps Air Station, said Lt. Col. Jerry Broeckert, a spokesman for Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base.

Both victims were high-ranking officers of Marine Logistics Squadron 39, where Quintanilla was assigned to the supply section.

Lt. Col. Daniel W. Kidd, the squadron's executive officer, was pronounced dead at 3:28 p.m. at the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Heffner, the squadron's commanding officer, was hospitalized in serious condition, officials said.

The motive was unknown, officials said.

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Col. Bob Zimmerman, the air station's commanding officer, said he wasn't aware of any problems between Quintanilla and the officers.

Kidd "is the dad for the people here," said Broeckert. "He controls their liberty, controls their work hours."

"He touches the lives of many people."

Quintanilla allegedly walked into Kidd's second-story suite and shot the executive officer.

When Heffner went to see what happened, Quintanilla shot him, too, Broeckert said.

"To think a Marine would do this to another Marine really bothers us," Broeckert said.

With 600 Marines, the squadron is the largest at the air station, which has five flying squadrons.

Squadron 39 is a support unit that repairs helicopters. The base is about 30 miles north of San Diego.

## U.S. sends aid to Israel

WASHINGTON — President Clinton sent highly sophisticated bomb-detection equipment and technical experts to Israel today to help battle a deadly wave of terrorism.

Clinton said he took the action to "support the fight against future terrorist attacks, to bring killers to justice and to rally support for peace in the Middle East."

A planeload of equipment assembled by the CIA left for Israel today. Officials were secretive about the contents, saying they did not want to tip off terrorists about what to expect.

Clinton described it as "highly sophisticated detection equipment." An administration official said the shipment involved nine units of equipment.

Additional equipment is being assembled from U.S. stocks and will be shipped on an emergency basis in the next few days, the White House said. Bombings in Israel have killed at least 57 people and wounded more than 200 since Feb. 25.

"The United States has always stood with the people of Israel through good times and bad," Clinton said in a speech before the National Association of Counties. "And we stand with them today." The audience applauded loudly.

"I am sure that all of you as Americans share my outrage at the campaign of terror which is being directed at the people of Israel," the president said.

"These are desperate and fanatic acts aimed not just at killing innocent people, including innocent children, but at killing the growing prospects for peace in the Middle East," he said. "They must not succeed."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the equipment and the experts would help Israel and Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority add to

their anti-terrorist arsenal.

Clinton also ordered the development of a comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment to help improve coordination among Israel, the Palestinians and regional governments.

It will include communication equipment, McCurry said.

Clinton authorized diplomatic approaches to foreign governments to rally support and assistance for Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, on a campaign stop in New York, said that Congress might cut funds to assist Palestinian's efforts at self-rule if Arafat doesn't do more to combat terrorism.

"That's not a threat, I'm just being realistic," Dole told a breakfast of civic and business leaders.

The White House spokesman brushed aside Dole's statement.

"Sometimes in the heat of presidential campaigns, candidates make mistakes," McCurry said. "Obviously that type of assistance to combat terrorism is critical."

McCurry said Clinton will take additional steps in the near future. "We'll be assembling some more assistance in the coming days."

The United States also wants to further isolate Iran, accused by Washington of being a sponsor of terrorism. "There's no such thing as moderated behavior when it comes to Iran," McCurry said.

Clinton repeatedly has promised publicly to help Israel deal with the risks it is taking in turning over control of Gaza and much of the West Bank to Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israeli troops have pulled back, and while they still are responsible for protecting 100,000 Jewish settlers, the job of policing the Palestinians and

### U.S. assistance

Measures taken by President Clinton Tuesday to aid Israel in the renewed wake of terror bombings:

A team of technical experts carrying bomb-detection equipment for use at border checkpoints was to leave Tuesday for Israel.

Additional equipment to be assembled from U.S. stocks will be shipped on an emergency basis in the next few days.

A comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment is being developed to help improve coordination among Israel, the Palestinians and regional governments.

Diplomatic approaches to foreign governments will be used to rally support and assistance for Israel and Palestinian Authority.

AP/Wm. J. Castello

detering terrorist attacks is assigned to Arafat.

McCurry told reporters Clinton had written to Arafat "to urge him to do everything he can to break Hamas," the militant Palestinian group believed responsible for a series of suicide bombings.

Clinton also wrote Syrian President Hafez Assad on Sunday, calling for international condemnation of terrorism, McCurry said.

"We believe the Palestinian Authority and Israel will make the most effective fight possible against terrorism," McCurry said.

## Senate passes bill to further tighten sanctions on Cuba for downing planes

WASHINGTON — With a message that Fidel Castro must answer for shooting down two American civilian planes, the Senate decisively passed a bill Tuesday that further tightens economic sanctions on Cuba.

The bill, aimed specifically at driving foreign investors from the island, moved to the House for certain passage this week, and President Clinton has promised to sign it. The Senate vote was 74-22.

It also gives the force of law to existing sanctions orders against the Castro government to ensure that no president can ease them without an act of Congress.

In a statement, Clinton said the bill's passage would "send Cuba a powerful message that the United States will not tolerate further loss of American life."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. spoke of the bill's "clear message that the time of Fidel Castro has come and gone."

Dole, facing a crucial primary next

week in strongly anti-Castro Florida in his bid for the GOP presidential nomination, interrupted his campaign Tuesday in New York and flew in for the vote.

"The folly of appeasement and accommodation is now tragically apparent," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "Today we will act to restore United States policy to its previous and proper direction, to isolate the Castro government, put a shield around it and hasten the day it will fall."

Called the Libertad bill, the Spanish word for liberty, the measure was passed in different versions last fall by the House and the Senate.

White House opposition kept the bill in legislative limbo until the Feb. 24 downing of two small planes near Cuba, which killed four Cuban-Americans, galvanized anti-Castro sentiments.

Clinton, facing a clamor for Castro to be punished, agreed last week to sign the bill and accepted a controver-

sial provision giving people the right to sue foreign companies that profit from property confiscated during Castro's 37-year rule. Clinton retains authority to suspend the right to sue for six-month periods.

Opponents argued that the bill was being rushed through in the passion of the moment, that it would tie up U.S. courts with lawsuits, unnecessarily antagonize U.S. allies and hurt the Cuban people more than their government.

"If you don't think we're going to get reprisals from this, a nightmare, a quagmire, let me see what happens when an Israeli business person is denied a visa" because he also does business in Cuba, said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the bill's leading critic.

Living conditions in Cuba are bound to worsen with the tightened sanctions, said Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., another opponent. "Taken to its most extreme, this bill could provoke serious violence on the island," Pell said.



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