

POW DISCHARGE CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia, Soldier was killed by an accidental discharge on 29 August 2015 at approximately 2200 local in Ludowici, GA. The 20-year-old SPC was at a gathering at another Soldier's residence when one of the Soldiers began handling a firearm. The SPC was fatally injured when he was struck in the head by a round fired from the weapon. The Soldiers had been consuming alcohol. The SPC was pronounced deceased at the scene. [News Article](#)

Including this accident, there have been **3** fatalities involving a Privately Owned Weapon in FY15 compared to **4** for the same time frame in FY14. This PLR does not identify specific root causes of this incident as the investigation is ongoing. Further details will be available at a later date through RMIS (RMIS Login Required).

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