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## **Murphy silent on murder of Army soldier in U.S. by Muslim Extremist**

**NEWTOWN, PA** – On Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> Army private William Long was murdered by a self-described Muslim extremist, Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Private Long, who was only 24 years old, was shot and killed by Muhammad simply because he was standing outside of a military recruiting center. Muhammad after being arrested on Monday stated he wanted to "kill as many people in the Army as he could" and investigators have now discovered he had the firepower to cause death and destruction to a greater number of military personnel. The AP reported today that Muhammad had maps to other military facilities, as well as Christian and Jewish organization headquarters.

“It is clear that Mr. Muhammad planned the premeditated murder of Private Long simply because he was a member of the U.S. Army.”, stated Murphy Watch spokesperson Paul Salvatore. “What I find distressing is that our own Congressman, a former member of the United States Army who was the first Iraqi War veteran to serve in Congress, has not said one word publicly about this terrorist event. Nothing. That is extremely disappointing.”

Salvatore also noted that just recently Murphy had the chance to have military status added to the Hate Crimes Legislation bill and he voted not to do so. “Our Congressman had the chance to add another level of protection to our soldiers and give prosecutors like the one in Arkansas another charge to file against extremist terrorists like Mr. Muhammad and he said no. Now where is he when our soldiers need to hear from him? Will he let his spokesman from the DNC speak for him now?”

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