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DEATH OF GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIER

FORT GORDON, GA – Sergeant David A. Holmes, 34, of Tennille, Ga, was killed in Afghanistan on June 26, while conducting route clearance operations when an improvised explosive device exploded. Holmes was a member of the Georgia National Guard, 810th Engineer Company, Swainsboro, Ga.

His wife, Latonya said “when he met people, he talked to them like he knew them for years.” She said he loved the military, was a devoted husband, father, and Soldier. He would say “I love my brothers”.

They had four children, daughters, Shu’rissa and Shuquita, also sons Te’juan and Daveion.

Holmes worked at the Washington State Prison as a Corrections Officer, and also worked part time at the Jefferson County Correctional Institution. He graduated from South Panola High School in Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, and Navy Reserve, before joining the Georgia Army National Guard. He was promoted to Sergeant on June 16, 2010.

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