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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

‘Dagger’ brigade Soldier dies at Milford Lake

FORT RILEY, Kan. – A 1st Infantry Division Soldier died June 11 at Milford Lake near Milford, Kansas.

Spc. Xavier Harden, a food service specialist with Forward Support Company D, 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Inf. Div., entered the lake from a boat at about 2:30 p.m. and did not resurface. His body was recovered at 5:25 p.m.



Spc. Xavier Harden

“This is a tragic loss for the entire ‘Longknife’ family,” said Lt. Col. Dave Maxwell, commander of 5th Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt. “We are supporting and will continue to support Xavier’s family through this difficult time.”

Harden arrived at Fort Riley in June 2016. He was 23 years old.

His home of record is Tolleson, Arizona. His awards include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

The incident remains under investigation.

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