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SOUTHCOM INVESTIGATES ABUSE ALLEGATIONS AT GUANTANAMO

MIAMI – General Bantz J. Craddock, commander of U.S. Southern Command Headquarters, has directed an internal investigation into recently disclosed allegations by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigations of detainee abuse at Joint Task Force Guantanamo in Cuba.

Brig. Gen. John T. Furlow, deputy commander for support of SOUTHCOM's U.S. Army South, at Fort Sam Houston, TX. will lead the investigation beginning this week.

"This investigation is consistent with standing policy of United States Southern Command and Joint Task Force Guantanamo to immediately investigate all credible allegations of detainee abuse," said Col. David McWilliams, a spokesman for Southern Command Headquarters. "The Command wants to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding all allegations, determine compliance with approved policies at the time of the incidents and consider the opinions and recommendations of an independent investigating officer."

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