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## US soldier jailed for desecrating Taliban corpses

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An American marine, after acknowledging urinating on the body of Afghan militants, was sentenced to a reduction in ranks at a court martial on Thursday.

Staff Sgt Joseph Chamblin was told to forfeit \$500 pay after admitting to wrongful desecration, among other charges, foreign media reports said.

He was initially given 30 days in jail but will not serve the time because of a plea deal with military prosecutors, the BBC report. Video footage of the incident shocked the world when it emerged in January this year.

A military judge, who presided at the court-martial, announced the month-long sentence, reduction in rank by three grades, a \$2,000 fine and other punishments.