SOLDIER FACES HEARING IN KILLINGS OF IRAQI BOYS

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JOINT BASE LEWIS-McCHORD, Wash. (AP) -- A U.S. soldier accused of deliberately killing two unarmed teenage boys as they herded cattle in Iraq seven years ago is due in military court.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Barbera has been charged with premeditated murder and faces a mandatory life sentence if convicted. He is set for a preliminary hearing Wednesday at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state.