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Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Two Camp Pendleton Marines: Cpl. Carlos Arellanopandura & Lance Cpl. Brandon Dewey

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Carlos Arellanopandura of Los Angeles and Lance Cpl. Brandon Dewey of San Joaquin: "Losing members of our nation's armed forces always weighs heavily on the hearts of all Californians. Cpl. Arellanopandura and Lance Cpl. Dewey displayed tremendous courage and commitment to duty in defending our nation. Maria and I wish to express to these brave Marines' families our deep gratitude for their selfless service and profound indebtedness for their valiant sacrifice. We will keep them in our prayers." Arellanopandura, 22, and Dewey, 20, died Jan 20 of injuries sustained from a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Haqlaniyah, Iraq. They were both assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, their unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. In honor of Cpl. Arellanopandura and Lance Cpl. Dewey, Capitol flags will be flown at half staff.

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