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### **Navy Adds Additional Screening Measures at Mid-Atlantic Installations**

NORFOLK, Va. – Last week, Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic directed additional screening of all delivery drivers presenting the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Before an individual is granted access, the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) data base is now checked for any criminal history or outstanding warrants that are grounds for denial in accordance with Navy Region Mid-Atlantic access standards, which differ in some respects from TWIC eligibility criteria. This includes felony convictions within the last ten years; misdemeanor convictions within the last five years for crimes of violence; larceny; drugs; habitual offenders; and conviction for sex offenses.

Prior to last week, drivers possessing the Department of Homeland Security TWIC were not subject to this additional screening. This change will ensure that Navy Region Mid-Atlantic's denial criteria are applied consistently to all those seeking base access. In addition to these enhanced minimum screening requirements, random security measures will continue at entry control points. The commanding officer has the authority and flexibility to implement increased measures at any time.

The Navy's Region Commander, Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith, ordered the additional screening measures following the March 24 shooting death of a Sailor by a civilian aboard the Navy destroyer, USS Mahan (DDG 72), moored at Naval Station Norfolk.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service continues to investigate the shooting. A separate investigation has been convened pursuant to the Manual of the Judge Advocate General (JAGMAN) by U.S. Fleet Forces commander, Adm. Bill Gortney. The JAGMAN investigation will be a comprehensive examination into the circumstances surrounding the Naval Station Norfolk shooting, to include a review of applicable policy, programs and implementation.

This investigation will explore in detail how the civilian accessed the base, including whether the gate sentry complied with access control procedures in effect at the time. The sentry has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of this investigation.

A memorial service for the Naval Station Norfolk sailor killed, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Mark A. Mayo, will be held Monday at Naval Station Norfolk. The details of the service will be provided once finalized.

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