

Seattle Draft & Military Counseling Center

Press Release

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ABSENT US ARMY INTERROGATOR SPEAKS OUT ABOUT WHAT HE CALLS “ABUSES OF POWER” AND “THE DAILY DEVASTATION OF OCCUPATION IN IRAQ”

Sergeant Ricky Clousing, an Iraq combat vet and US Army Interrogator will turn himself over to US military custody on Friday August 11th. He has been absent from his unit for over a year. Prior to turning himself in he will speak at a 9:00 AM press conference about the circumstances that led to his decision to leave his unit upon completion of his tour in Iraq. The Sergeant, who was attached to a tactical infantry unit as an interrogator in Iraq, will speak publicly about what he calls “the abuse of power which goes without accountability”.

Sgt. Clousing, a 24 year old Washington native will join ranks with a number of Iraq veterans who have decided that they can no longer remain silent about the abuses they witnessed in Iraq. Statements of support will be read by Iraq Veterans Against War, Military Families Speak Out and Veterans for Peace. His mother will also read a statement in support of her son.

Sergeant Ricky Clousing will be available for limited one on one interviews immediately following the press conference. After the press conference the following people will be available for comment: Sgt. Ricky Clousing’s father, who served over 20 years in the Armed Forces, Sgt. Ricky Clousing’s mother, and an Iraq Veteran from the 82nd Airborne who served with him. His attorney’s will also be

available for comment.

Coinciding with the press conference more information will be available at www.sdmcc.org.

Location: University of Washington, Outside of Husky Union Building (HUB) on the lawn - Arlington
Northwest Memorial of Veterans for Peace Convention

Parking: Available at Central Plaza Parking Garage off of 15th Avenue NE