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WEST POINT FACULTY MEMBER FOUND DEAD – February 29, 2016

WEST POINT, NEW YORK – A U.S. Military Academy instructor was found deceased Sunday afternoon while off-post, according to the Atlantic City Police Department in New Jersey. Although an investigation is underway, there is no indication of foul play at this time.

Major Benjamin Recla, 33, was assigned to the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering and served as an officer representative for the West Point Flying Team.

"I wish to extend to his family the sincere and profound sympathy of all the officers, cadets and other members of this command," said Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr.

Recla graduated from the academy in 2004 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Aviation branch. He was assigned previously to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and served multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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