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### Marine vs. Marine in Interstate 64 shooting

HIGH-SPEED, 90-MILE DISPUTE ENDS WITH THREE BANGS IN CLARK COUNTY

By Peter Mathews  
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A Marine engaged in his own private little war with two other Marines on Interstate 64 early yesterday, allegedly shooting an assault rifle at them in a high-speed case of road rage, authorities said.

Later in the day, authorities discovered the victim and his companion, both military police, were absent without leave from their base at Quantico, Va.

"A guy at the base said they've been gone for two weeks," Clark County Sheriff Ray

Abraham Cerpa, 20, his wife, Catherine, and her 5- and 6-year-old children were en Camp Lejeune, N.C., to Chicago when the trouble started.

Around the time they entered Kentucky from West Virginia, they met up with Wesley and Michael Young, 21. Young was driving Wilkinson's car.

After a traffic transgression of some sort -- Caudill didn't know what it was -- the occ two cars drove side by side for 90 miles, exchanging insults and gestures at high spe

Somewhere in eastern Clark County, Abraham Cerpa pulled out a MAC-90 assault rifl and shot off three or four rounds, shattering a window of Wilkinson's car and flatteni

One bullet fragment hit Wilkinson.

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The two MPs called 911 from a Winchester service station. About 2:30 a.m., a sheriff stopped the Cerpas' car on I-64 in Scott County. Catherine Cerpa, clocked at about 110 mph, was charged with speeding, Caudill said.

Abraham Cerpa, who told police he works for the Judge Advocate General's office -- part of the justice system -- was charged with assault and wanton endangerment.

He said the assault rifle was his. Authorities were still verifying that yesterday evening.

After it was over, each of the men found out that his antagonist in the other car was Marine. It didn't appear to be welcome news, Caudill said.

Wilkinson was treated at Clark Regional Medical Center and released.

He and Young weren't charged. They told police, who did not yet know they were AWOL, they were on their way from West Virginia to Indiana.

Marine Corps officials in Washington and at Quantico could not be reached to confirm the two men.

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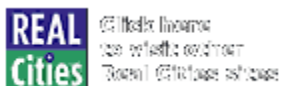


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