

### Army Sgt. In Afghan Shooting Arrives at Fort Leavenworth

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) - Army officials say Staff Sgt. Robert Bales has arrived at Fort Leavenworth to begin serving a life sentence for the murders of 16 civilians in Afghanistan in 2012.

The 40-year-old Bales arrived Wednesday at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks where he will spend the rest of his life without the possibility of parole. The prison is the military's only maximum security facility.

Bales pleaded guilty in June in a deal to avoid the death penalty. He was convicted of the shooting deaths of 16 villagers during a late-night rampage.

Prosecutors say Bales knew what he was doing when he walked into two villages, shooting 22 people in all - 17 of them women and children, some of them as they screamed for help, others as they slept.

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