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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Staff Sgt. Javier O. Ortiz Rivera, 26, of Rochester, N.Y., died Nov. 16, as a result of a hostile incident while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Ortiz Rivera was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2, I Marine Expeditionary Force Forward. He joined the Marine Corps in July 2002 and was promoted to staff sergeant July 02, 2009.

He previously deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2005 to March 2006. Most recently he deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in September 2010.

His awards include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife and children.

Requests to support the family and media requests regarding burial arrangements or personal information must be directed to the Casualty Assistance Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps, at (703) 784-9512.

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