

Commander of submarine facing court of inquiry

HONOLULU (AP) — The commander of the Pacific Fleet said Saturday that the Navy would convene a court of inquiry, the Navy's highest form of administrative investigation, to learn why a U.S. submarine surfaced directly underneath a Japanese fishing vessel.

The hearing could result in a recommendation for court martials of the USS Greeneville's officers, Adm. Thomas Fargo said at a news conference. The inquiry would be similar to a grand jury hearing in civilian courts.

The submarine's commander, executive officer and officer of the deck have been named parties to the inquiry, which is expected to be convened at Pearl Harbor on Thursday, Fargo said.

"The court of inquiry will provide a full and open accounting for the American and Japanese people," he said. The meetings will be open to the public, he said.

The submarine's commander, Cmdr. Scott

Waddle, was reassigned to a staff position immediately after the incident. The other two officers named were Lt. Cmdr. Gerald K. Pfeifer, the executive officer, and Lt. j.g. Michael J. Coen, the officer of the deck.

Three Navy flag officers will make up the court, Fargo said. A flag officer of the Japanese Maritime Self-defense Force will be invited to participate as an adviser.

The USS Greeneville, a 360-foot nuclear-powered submarine, was on a one-day mission Feb. 9 with 16 civilians aboard as part of a community relations program. The Navy released the names of all 16 Saturday.

The submarine performed an emergency surfacing drill as a demonstration for the civilians, Fargo said. Two civilians were at key controls during the drill.

As the 6,900-ton submarine surfaced, its rudder superstructure knifed through the hull of the 500-ton Ehime Maru, which sank within minutes.

Late Friday night, a deep-sea robot located the wreckage of the 190-foot fishing vessel 2,033 feet below the ocean surface and 1,000 feet from where the collision occurred.

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— Shizuko Kimura
sister of victim

None of the nine people still missing were seen in the wreckage.

The Ehime Maru sat "almost upright" on the ocean floor, the Navy said.

Whether the Ehime Maru is in a condition that would allow it to be raised intact could not be determined, said Jon

Yoshishige, a spokesman for the Pacific Fleet.

Anguished family members and the Japanese government have called for the ship's recovery, an operation experts say would be difficult and expensive.

Shizuko Kimura, younger sister of crew member Toshimichi Furuya, said all she wants is for the United States to recover the bodies of the four high school boys, two teachers and three crewmen still missing.

"My brother is at the bottom with the Ehime Maru," she cried loudly at a news conference held Friday by family members. "I'm not asking you to bring him back alive. So please bring back my brother's body to us. Promise us. Give us hope!"

"It's your responsibility as human beings," said Masumi Terata, mother of 17-year-old Yusuke Terata. "If your blood is red, you'll understand our pain and sorrow."

The preliminary report on the incident

was expected to be released in the next few days after consultation with the Japanese government, Pentagon officials said.

The Navy has barred civilians from marines during such drills until the investigation is completed.

The relatives who spoke Saturday in Honolulu released a list of 31 questions for the United States to answer, including whether the submarine and the Ehime Maru crew did not "do their best" to assist survivors immediately after the collision.

Navy officials have said rough seas prevented the submarine from taking the survivors onboard. Within an hour, the Coast Guard rescued the surviving students and crew.

The Coast Guard extended its search for bodies at least through the holiday weekend. On Friday it added two cutters, a helicopter and a Navy plane to the sole Navy cutter had been searching the day before.

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Police seek two teens in connection with killing

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — Police around the country were asked to be on the lookout Saturday for two teenagers charged in the murders of two Dartmouth College professors who were stabbed to death in their home.

Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., should be considered dangerous, authorities said at a news conference.

Both were charged as adults with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop, whose bloody bodies were found in their home Jan. 27.

The two stabbed the popular professors "multiple times in the head and chest," Senior Assistant Attorney General Kelly Ayotte said at a news conference.

Authorities refused to discuss how they identified the suspects, a motive or any connection between the boys and the victims. The two were last seen in or near Chelsea on Thursday, Ayotte said.

Officials had said earlier they believed the Zantops were killed by someone they knew or let into their home. Ayotte refused to discuss that, saying it was still under investigation.

Hanover is a close-knit college town of about 9,600 people just over

the Connecticut River from Vermont and Chelsea is a small town about 10 miles away. Many Hanover residents said they did not lock their doors and never worried about their safety.

"I'd be very guarded about it until they have caught the person there is some solid indication of the person who did it," said McCollum, a neighbor of the tops.

"It's a random event in which people seemingly unconnected to the community can do so much damage," said Edward Berger, faculty dean of arts and sciences at Dartmouth.

"What can you say to things?" he said. "It just points to the reality of our very existence."

In Chelsea, Casey Purcell, a senior at Chelsea High School, said Saturday that Tulloch and Parker left town in the after the killings, then returned three days later. A few days after they disappeared again, said Purcell.

Purcell said Tulloch told him he was trying to go rock climbing in Colorado, but had to return because Tulloch had a cut on his leg that came infected. Tulloch said he fell on a maple tree sap bucket while walking in the woods, Purcell

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