

## Lawsuit In POW 'Suicide'

Denver

The widow of Marine Sergeant Abel Larry Kavanaugh, a war captive who may have committed suicide, said yesterday the Pentagon and Colonel Theodore Guy contributed to her husband's death and announced she would take legal action against them.

However, the district attorney investigating the case said Kavanaugh may have killed himself accidentally.

Kavanaugh, 24, who died Wednesday of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound and seven other former POWs had been accused by Guy of being turncoats. The Pentagon was in the process of investigating the charges.

The day of his death Larry learned that two more POWs had been charged, said Sandra Kavanaugh. He was outraged at the charges and believed he was being prosecuted because of his anti-war activities.

He knew he was innocent of the charges but he became increasingly worried about whether he would be treated fairly by the military.

A doctor who examined



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**SANDRA KAVANAUGH, WIDOW OF EX-POW**  
She said Pentagon contributed to husband's death

the former prisoner of the North Vietnamese the morning of his death said Kavanaugh seemed "pretty depressed" and feared that the

res would try to hold up his discharge, which was scheduled for yesterday at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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