



# United States Army Criminal Investigation Command

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## **Public's help wanted: Missing Fort Hood Soldier**



**QUANTICO, VA**, August 21, 2020 – The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as Army CID, is seeking the public's help in locating missing Fort Hood Soldier, Sgt. Elder N. Fernandes.

Fernandes, 23, was last seen by members of his unit on August 17, 2020, at a residence in Killeen, Texas. He did not report to work the following day as scheduled. Additionally, his only known vehicle was located on base at his unit's parking lot.

The Soldier is African American, 5 feet, 5 inches tall and 133 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing black Army physical training shirt and shorts with black, orange, and yellow athletic shoes.

Information gathered from fellow Soldiers so far indicate Fernandes may have left Fort Hood on his own accord.

He is a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear specialist assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 553<sup>rd</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB), 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Sustainment Brigade (1CDSB).

A search for SGT Fernandes is ongoing by Fort Hood Soldiers, Army CID Special Agents, the Killeen Police Department and other state and local law enforcement agencies.

“We are very concerned about the welfare of this Soldier and first and foremost we want to ensure he is okay,” said Christopher Grey, spokesman for CID. “If someone out there has any information, regardless of how trivial you may think it is, we are asking you to contact us immediately.”

Persons can contact the Fort Hood CID Office at 254-287-2722, the Fort Hood MP desk at 254-287-4001 or contact their local police department. Persons can also anonymously submit information at <https://www.cid.army.mil/report-a-crime.html>. People wishing to remain anonymous will be honored to the degree allowable under the law and the information will be held in the strictest confidence allowable.

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