

# IED Claims the Life of Marine EOD Technician

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**Helmand Province, Afghanistan** Marine Staff Sergeant Aaron Taylor, 27, an EOD Technician assigned to Marine Wing Support Squadron 372 was killed by an IED. Taylor was reportedly responding to a call to search a bridge for explosives when he unknowingly stepped on the IED made from homemade explosives causing it to function. The 27-year old Marine from Bovey, Minnesota was part of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Pendleton. He joined the Marines in 2002 and served a previous tour in Iraq. He had been in Afghanistan for six weeks responding to IED calls and providing EOD support. He is survived by his father, stepmother, brother, and sister.