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Top U.S. Navy SEAL commander found dead in suspected suicide

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USPA News - The commanding officer of an elite U.S. Navy SEAL unit was found dead Saturday in his quarters at a military base in southern Afghanistan, officials in Washington, D.C. said on Monday, adding that the death is being investigated as a suspected suicide. Commander Job W. Price, 42, from the borough of Pottstown in Pennsylvania, was found dead at his quarters in Uruzgan Province on Saturday after he failed to show up for a scheduled event.

The Pentagon said Price died of a non-combat related injury, but officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the death is being treated as a suspected suicide. "The Naval Special Warfare family is deeply saddened by the loss of our teammate," said Captain Robert Smith, the commander of Naval Special Warfare Group 2. "We extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family, friends, and NSW community during this time of grieving." Smith added: "As we mourn the loss and honor the memory of our fallen teammate, those he served with will continue to carry out the mission." Price, who is survived by a wife and a daughter, was the commanding officer of SEAL Team Four, of which the geographic area of concentration is Central and South America. The Virginia-based elite unit is also part of the mission to train local Afghan police officers to fight Taliban insurgents in remote regions of Afghanistan.

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