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According to a Jan. 5 police communique released in Panama City, civilian Reynaldo Rodriguez was injured by a stray bullet when US soldiers opened fire on a Panamanian police patrol. The incident occurred Sunday around 1:30 a.m. in the Calidonia neighborhood of Panama City. The police statement said three US soldiers, in civilian attire and traveling in two private cars, opened fire on a Panamanian police patrol car. The soldiers then fled and were later located at the Howard military base, in the Panama Canal zone. Soldiers Jeffrey Scaggt, Erick Hurd, and Paul Porreca were later arrested by US authorities and placed under detention at the Kobbe military base. On Jan. 6, US army spokespersons told reporters that the soldiers were driving in the Chorrillo neighborhood at the time of the incident. The US military personnel, said the spokespersons, were "shooting off fireworks," and the Panamanian police officers mistakenly thought they were being fired upon. According to the spokespersons, one of the Panamanian police officers began shooting at the US soldiers, and in the process injured a "transient who was in the area." (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 01/05/92; ACAN-EFE, 01/05/92, 01/06/92)

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