

Four investigations of Pat Tillman's death were conducted by the U.S. government:

The first investigation:

- Completed in two weeks
- Friendly fire most likely cause of Tillman's death
- No "criminal intent involved" in firing, but there was "gross negligence"

The second investigation:

- Completed in eight days
- Tillman's death "the result of fratricide during an extremely chaotic enemy ambush."
- Contributing factors: insufficient command and control measures, failure to execute fire control, and failure to positively identify targets as friend or foe

The third investigation:

- Completed in two months
- Tillman died as a result of friendly fire
- Tillman was likely struck by American 5.56 mm or 7.62 mm rounds
- Failure to immediately tell the family of the suspected fratricide based on a desire to avoid giving inaccurate picture prior to completing an investigation

The fourth investigation:

- Completed in 20 months
- Conducted by Inspector General – U.S. Dept. of Defense . . . appointed June 2, 2005 and completed March 26, 2007
- Each of the prior three investigations was deficient, thus "contributed to inaccuracies, misunderstandings, and perceptions of concealment."
- Recommended nine officers, including four generals, be disciplined for missteps in the wake of the friendly fire incident
- An accompanying probe by the Army Criminal Investigation Command found no evidence of negligent homicide or aggravated assault on the part of the shooters