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## SEXUAL ASSAULT



**COURT-MARTIAL:** At a March 2014 Court-Martial in Kaiserslautern, Germany, a Sergeant First Class assigned to the 16th Sustainment Brigade was found guilty by the Military Judge of one specification of rape in violation of Article 120, one specification of abusive sexual contact in violation of Article 120, one specification of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128, and one specification of attempted indecent viewing and visual recording in violation of Article 80.

**SENTENCE:** He was sentenced to 7 years confinement and to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

**FACTS:** In 2001, the Sergeant First Class forcibly raped his wife despite her extensive physical and verbal protest. She did not report the incident until the summer of 2013.

In 2002, several people were staying the night at the Sergeant First Class's house after a night of drinking. The Sergeant First Class entered the room of a sleeping Soldier and groped her while she slept.

In 2013, the Sergeant First Class attended the party at the home of a junior Soldier, later falling asleep on the junior Soldier's couch. The Soldier went to sleep in her bedroom with the door closed. She awoke later that night to the Sergeant First Class touching her genitalia without her consent.

Later in 2013, the Sergeant First Class was caught trying to video record two other Soldiers while they were in the bathroom at a local nightclub.

**OBSERVATION:** Army policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes. Although years had elapsed between the incidents and the eventual unrestricted reports to authorities, the military justice process still allows for a thorough and fair investigation into allegations of sexual assault.

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If you have been sexually assaulted, contact your Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocate, healthcare provider, CID, Staff Judge Advocate, Military Police, Behavioral Health, or the Chaplain. You may also call the DoD Safe Helpline from a DSN line at 94-877-9955247 (toll free) or 001-877-995-5247 (not toll free).

For more guidance on reporting options and rights, visit  
<https://www.safehelpline.org/>

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