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SEXUAL ASSAULT



COURT-MARTIAL: At an April 2015 General Court-Martial in Vilseck, Germany, a Private First Class assigned to 44th Expeditionary Battalion was found guilty by an enlisted panel of, among other offenses, sexual assault in violation of Article 120.

SENTENCE: He was sentenced to 18 months confinement, reduction to Private E-1, total forfeitures, and discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

FACTS: In December 2013, the accused male Soldier sexually assaulted the victim, a male Private, while the victim was asleep. The victim had been in country approximately 30 days and they were not in the same unit.

OBSERVATION: Perpetrators may seek out vulnerable members, including those who are new to the unit, unfamiliar with the area, and without an established local base of friends. Males may also be victims of sexual assault. A sleeping person cannot consent to a sexual act. Commanders must be committed to eliminating incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that protects new and vulnerable Soldiers while they are in-processing and being received by the unit, and that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and follow-up.

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 94-877-995-5247 (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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