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SEXUAL ASSAULT



COURT-MARTIAL: At a June 2013 Court-Martial in Wiesbaden, Germany, a Staff Sergeant assigned to the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade was found guilty by a military panel of two specifications of rape in violation of Article 120, one specification of forcible sodomy in violation of Article 125, and two specifications of maltreatment by sexual harassment in violation of Article 93.

SENTENCE: He was sentenced to 5 years confinement, reduction to Private E-1, and to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

FACTS: In 2009, the Staff Sergeant took a junior Soldier in his unit to a Bed & Breakfast. He entered her room, uninvited, at night, and forcibly raped and sodomized her. The sexual assault was reported in the fall of 2012.

In 2010, the Staff Sergeant sexually harassed two junior female Soldiers when he called them “sexy,” “cutie,” “sweetie,” and used other inappropriate sexual language with them at work, while in the performance of their duties.

OBSERVATION: Although years had elapsed between the incidents and the eventual unrestricted reports to authorities, the process still allowed for a thorough and fair investigation into and evaluation of their allegations.

If you have been sexually assaulted or sexually harassed, 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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