



# 22 December 2014

# SEXUAL ASSAULT



**COURT-MARTIAL:** At a December 2014 Court-Martial in Vilseck, Germany, a Specialist assigned to 2d Cavalry Regiment was found guilty by the military judge of sexual assault in violation of Article 120.

**SENTENCE:** He was sentenced to 40 months confinement, a reprimand, reduction to Private E-1, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

**FACTS:** In April 2014, the accused male Soldier sexually assaulted the victim, a male Private, while the victim was extremely intoxicated and unconscious. The victim had just arrived in the unit 18 days before the sexual assault.

**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. An unconscious 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/>

**Teal Hash # 14-006**