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# SEXUAL ASSAULT



**COURT-MARTIAL:** At a February 2015 General Court-Martial in Vilseck, Germany, a Private assigned to 15th Engineer Battalion was found guilty by an enlisted panel of, among other offenses, sexual assault in violation of Article 120.

**SENTENCE:** He was sentenced to 9 years confinement and discharged from the service with a Dishonorable Discharge.

**FACTS:** In September 2013, the accused male Soldier sexually assaulted the victim, a female Specialist, by performing sexual acts on her while she was resting in her boyfriend's barracks room. He pushed her face into the pillow during sexual acts to prevent her from discovering that she was not her boyfriend.

**OBSERVATION:** This case highlights the importance of immediately reporting a sexual assault, regardless of whether it is a restricted or unrestricted report. The victim in this case made a restricted report the morning after the assault, which allowed her to get medical attention (vital evidence was collected as part of the sexual assault forensic medical exam). When the victim chose to later change her report to unrestricted, the evidence was available to CID and the prosecutors. This case also demonstrates that the Command will vigorously pursue sexual assault prosecutions, regardless of the time and effort required. The accused deserted during the CID investigation and was arrested in the United States six months later. He was turned over to military control and flown back to Germany for the court-martial.

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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 94-877-995-5247 (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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