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SEXUAL ASSAULT



COURT-MARTIAL: At a February 2015 General Court-Martial in Vilseck, Germany, a Sergeant 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 a reprimand, reduction to Private E-1, and discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

FACTS: In May 2014, the accused male Soldier sexually assaulted the victim, a male Specialist, by performing sexual acts on him while he slept. The assault occurred after a unit party that involved heavy drinking.

OBSERVATION: Males may also be victims of sexual assault. A sleeping or impaired person cannot consent to a sexual act. Commanders must be committed to eliminating incidents of sexual assault and should ensure that bystander intervention training is emphasized. This case highlights the importance of remaining vigilant against fraternization, as it can lead to situations where vulnerable populations are exposed to people who may exert coercive influences. This is especially important at events that involve alcohol consumption.

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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