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SEXUAL ASSAULT



COURT-MARTIAL: At an October 2015 court-martial in Wiesbaden, Germany, a Staff Sergeant assigned to U.S. Army Garrison-Wiesbaden pled guilty to, and was convicted by the Military Judge of, four specifications of making a false official statement and two specifications of larceny. The Soldier, contrary to his pleas, was also found guilty by a military judge of one specification of forcible sodomy and one specification of wrongfully photographing the private area of another. The military judge acquitted the Soldier of one specification of abusive sexual contact.

SENTENCE: Confinement for 30 months, total forfeitures, reduction to E1, and a dishonorable discharge.

FACTS: In 2015, following a night of drinking, the Staff Sergeant orally sodomized a fellow Soldier while that Soldier was asleep in the Staff Sergeant's home. He then took a picture of the Victim's exposed genitalia while the Victim was asleep. Contemporaneous with the sexual assault investigation, the unit discovered that the Soldier was stealing Basic Allowance for Housing.

OBSERVATIONS: Sexual assault is a crime that crosses genders, and can be effected by trusted friends and family. Every Soldier should always be alert to the risk of sexual assault. Furthermore, commands are reviewing Basic Allowance for Housing entitlements on a routine basis. If you are stealing a military entitlement, you will be caught. Crime does not pay.

"Military members and adult dependents 18 years and older who have been sexually assaulted, may contact the Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Victim Advocate, healthcare provider, CID, Staff Judge Advocate, Military Police, Behavioral Health, or Chaplain. They may also call the DoD Safe Helpline from Germany by dialing 537-SAFE (7233) or 0611-143-537-SAFE (7233). The telephone number is accessible via DSN, landline, and mobile, 24 hours a day."

For more guidance on reporting options and rights, visit

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