

SEXUAL ASSAULT



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SUBJECT: Sexual Assault (Teal Hash #13)

1. At a recent Court-Martial, a Soldier assigned to the 11th Signal Brigade failed to show up for his court-martial and was found guilty of Rape. The Soldier was sentenced to confinement for 10 years, reduction to the grade of E-1, total forfeitures of pay and allowances, and a dishonorable discharge from the Service. A conviction for this offense requires sex offender registration.
2. In December of 2013, at Fort Hood, Texas, the Soldier was in his room with a female friend playing video games. Without warning, the Soldier stood over the victim, pulled her pants down and raped her without her consent. The victim ran out of the room and locked herself inside another room. The Soldier forced his way into that room and raped the victim again. The victim was able to escape and reach the safety of a friend's home. The Soldier took advantage of his friendship with the victim.
3. The perpetrator in this case was held accountable for his actions and punished. Even though the Soldier failed to show for his court-martial, he was apprehended after his conviction. While the victim in this case was certainly not at fault for the sexual assault against her, this incident highlights some warning signs that individuals may look for, and some precautions that people may consider in order to guard against sexual assault. A victim is typically female and relatively young, as was the victim here. The perpetrator was a best friend and co-worker of the victim.
4. Commanders must be committed to eliminating incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and follow-up. Army policy promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes. We must all be prepared to act and intervene when something does not seem right. Intervention to prevent sexual harassment and assault, hazing, discrimination, or any other crime, misconduct, or violation of the Army Values is the standard, and we must all live up to it.

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SUBJECT: Child Sexual Assault (Teal Hash #14)

1. At a recent Court-Martial, a Soldier assigned to the 3d Cavalry Regiment was accused of multiple sexual offenses against his former step-daughter. He was found guilty of two specifications of Abusive Sexual Contact with a Child, two specifications of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child, two specifications of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child, one Specification of Indecent Acts with a Child, one Specification of Rape and one Specification of Production of Child Pornography. The court sentenced him to be reduced to E-1, total forfeitures of pay and allowances, to be confined for 51 years and to be dishonorably discharged.
2. This Soldier began touching his step-daughter at night at the age of 9, prior to his entry into active duty service. The sexual abuse quickly progressed once the Soldier moved with his family to Fort Hood in 2008. Soon he was sexually assaulting her during the afternoons and evenings while the victim's mother was at work and threatening the victim with homelessness and prostitution if she reported him. He even forced her to reveal her private areas via video conference when he was deployed to Iraq from 2010-2011, promising to make her abuse much worse upon his return if she did not comply. The victim told a friend in April 2011, which eventually led to the investigation and court-martial of the Soldier.
3. The perpetrator in this case was held accountable for his actions and punished. However, these terrible crimes will leave his victim emotionally scarred for life. Had it not been for her bravery in coming forward with the truth and her willingness to participate in the trial against her former step-father, he may still be serving in our Army and be able to attack other innocent victims. We must be sure to continue to encourage victims of all ages to come forward with the truth about their assaults and be sure that all military dependents feel as though the command and the Army at large appreciates their situation and will be there to support them through this process.
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