

SEXUAL ASSAULT



Blue Border Message Sexual Assault Case Completed

1. Two Fort Sill Soldiers recently received Field Grade Article 15s for inappropriately touching fellow Soldiers. Both Soldiers received punishment of reduction in rank, forfeiture of pay, and 45 days of extra duty and restriction. Both Soldiers are now facing potential administrative separation from the Army.

2. The first case occurred during unit combatives training. This Soldier was assigned a female partner. While performing combatives, the Soldier wrongfully groped the female Soldier's breast. Although an NCO stopped the training and corrected the Soldier, once the NCO turned to assist other Soldiers, the Soldier ignored the NCO and groped her breast again. When the incident was reported, the Soldier attempted to impede the investigation by providing two different false statements and asking another Soldier to lie as well.

3. The second case began at a firing range. A male Soldier licked the ear of a female Soldier while they were both sitting in the bleachers. He later admitted that the lick was an attempt to gauge her interest. The female Soldier rebuffed the advance. However, instead of stopping, the Soldier reached back and touched the female Soldier's crotch over her trousers. She immediately told him to stop, but she did not report the incident. A few days later, the Soldier grabbed the female Soldier's buttocks while she had her back to him, at which point she reported both incidents.

4. Once you take the oath as a Soldier, you are expected to adhere to the Army values at all times. These cases highlight the importance of understanding that all Soldiers need to be treated with respect and dignity.

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