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NCO Found Guilty of Assaulting Step-Daughter

1. At a recent Court-Martial, a Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) assigned to Fort Sill was found guilty of inappropriately touching his step-daughter's breasts and pubic region at his off-post residence. Due to the events taking place off Fort Sill, the incidents were initially reported to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and local law enforcement. Local prosecutors assessed the case and declined to prosecute. Fort Sill Commanders, working with their trial counsel, brought charges within the military justice system. At trial, a military judge found the NCO guilty of these charges and sentenced him to 14 months of confinement; reduction to Private (E-1); and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

2. The NCO had been the victim's step-father for more than 8 years and displayed inappropriate actions on a number of occasions throughout that period of time. For example, when the victim was 15 years old, the NCO intentionally grabbed both of her bare breasts as she came out of her bedroom. The step-daughter found this, and his other conduct, extremely offensive and told him that this behavior was not acceptable. The NCO did not listen to the victim and continued to act inappropriately toward his step-daughter. The victim eventually had enough and reported the incidents, which resulted in the investigation.

3. As an institution committed to the Army Values and high standards of conduct, we must do all we can to reduce violence and protect our most vulnerable populations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Rossi".

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