

SEXUAL ASSAULT



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Soldier Found Guilty of Sexual Abuse and Rape

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1. At a recent Court-Martial, a Soldier assigned to Fort Sill was found guilty of multiple violations of the UCMJ involving the sexual abuse of his teenage stepdaughters, rape of a child, propositioning his daughter's friend for sex, and obstructing justice. The Soldier was sentenced to 42 years confinement, reduction to E1, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

2. The Soldier was the step-parent of three siblings; two stepdaughters and a stepson. The first allegations arose when the accused was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. The Soldier was drinking outside of the Family's home with his wife and friends. He entered the house and proceeded to his stepdaughter's room, where he sexually assaulted her while she was asleep. Three years later he used his cell phone to secretly record his two stepdaughters while they were showering. The accused was found guilty of sexually assaulting his stepdaughter and videotaping his nude stepdaughters with his cell phone.

3. The other allegations arose in Lawton, Oklahoma. The Soldier sexually assaulted his older stepdaughter in the Family's home after taking her out of school one afternoon. Around the same time, the Soldier requested nude photos of the younger stepdaughter in return for signing a detention slip the daughter did not want her mother to know about. The Soldier's actions extended outside of the Family when he texted one of his stepdaughter's friends and propositioned her for sex. When the friend came over to the Family's home, the Soldier wrongfully provided her with alcohol; that same evening, he sexually assaulted his younger stepdaughter. The Soldier's wife found nude photos of one of her daughters on the Soldiers computer, which he later destroyed. The Soldier was found guilty of sexually assaulting both his stepdaughters, requesting nude photos of his stepdaughter, propositioning his stepdaughter's friend for sex, wrongfully providing alcohol, and obstruction of justice.

4. Sexual assaults can be perpetrated by friends, strangers or Family members. While the victims in this case came forward, other Family member victims may be inclined not to come forward because of fear, anxiety, embarrassment, or other personal reasons. Soldiers and civilians must remain vigilant in the mission to eliminate sexual assault and continue to be aware, train, educate, intervene, prevent, and report.

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

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