

# SEXUAL ASSAULT



## Blue Border Message Sexual Assault Case Completed

1. At a recent General Court-Martial, a senior Non-Commissioned Officer assigned to Fort Sill was found guilty of violating Article 120 of the UCMJ for sexually assaulting his ex-wife. He was sentenced by the Military Judge to a Dishonorable Discharge from the Army and must register as a sex offender.

2. In July of 2014, the Soldier texted his ex-wife, asking her to come to his house to pick up some paperwork she left behind when they separated. As she left the house, the Soldier grabbed her arm and pulled her away from the front door. He then kissed her without her consent, pushed her to the floor and sexually assaulted her. After the sexual assault, the victim left the home, called 911 from her vehicle and was treated at a local hospital where a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam was conducted. The exam revealed DNA evidence and injuries from the sexual assault. While initially reported to local authorities, the victim felt more comfortable with military investigators; subsequently, Fort Sill CID led the investigation.

3. The Army Values, the NCO Creed and Soldier Creed reflect uncompromising standards of behavior - All Soldiers are expected to do the right thing on or off duty, and their conduct with their family or persons close to them are not an exception. In this case, a Non-Commissioned Officer violated the trust of a person he knew and had cared for. Sexual assault can happen in any setting even with friends and fellow Soldiers close by. Soldiers must remain vigilant in the mission to eliminate sexual assault and continue to be aware, train, educate, intervene, prevent and report.

4. Resources for adult victims of sexual assault are offered through Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention (SHARP). Additional information can be found by visiting the SHARP Resource Center at 2870 Craig Road or contacting the 24/7 hotline at 580-91-SHARP. Victims under 17 years of age can receive support through Family Advocacy Program/Clinical at 580-442-3084.

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