



# CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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## COURTS-MARTIAL

### COURT-MARTIAL ACTIONS

During the month of October 2016, three courts-martial were completed through sentencing at JBSA. The results of a court-martial are not final until the clemency and/or appeals process is completed.

All courts-martial are open to the public and a list of upcoming courts-martial can be found at the United States Air Force Judge Advocate Generals website: <http://www.afjag.af.mil/About-Us/Docket>.

US v SSgt KP, 35 IS, JBSA-Lackland, was tried by a special court-martial consisting of a military judge sitting alone from 4 - 7 October 2016 at JBSA-Lackland. The military judge found SSgt Price guilty of two specifications of assault in violation of Article 128, UCMJ and one specification of child endangerment in violation of Article 134, UCMJ.

The military judge sentenced SSgt KP to 45 days hard labor without confinement and a reduction to E-4.

US v SrA GS, 59 MDSS, JBSA Lackland, was tried by special court-martial consisting of a military judge sitting alone on 18 October 2016 at JBSA-Lackland. Pursuant to his own pleas, SrA GS was found guilty of two specifications of disobeying a lawful order in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, as well as one specification of wrongful use of marijuana and one specification of wrongful use of cocaine, both in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced SrA GS to 14 days confinement, a reduction to E-1 and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

US v SSgt TPE, HQ AETC, JBSA-Randolph, was tried by a special court-martial consisting of a military judge sitting alone on 25 October 2016 at JBSA-Randolph. Pursuant to his own pleas, SSgt TPE was found guilty of one

specification of wrongful appropriation in violation of Article 121, UCMJ, and three specifications of assault, in violation of Article 128, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced SSgt TPE to 4 months confinement, a reduction to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

### Military Justice POCs

**JBSA Lackland (37 TRW, 59 MDW and LAK Mission Partners)**  
(671-2007)

*Capt Will Wright (Courts)*

*TSgt Jovanni Hill (Courts)*

*Ms. Karen Dreitzler (Courts)*

*Capt Brittany Hannah (NJP)*

*TSgt Larry Wrenn (NJP)*

**JBSA Fort Sam Houston (502 ABW and FSH/CB Mission Partners)**  
(221-2032)

*Capt Lauren McCormick (Courts)*

*Capt Gabriel Bush (NJP)*

*TSgt Eduardo De La Torre*

**JBSA Randolph (12 FTW and RND Mission Partners)**  
(652-9673)

*Capt Eliot Peace*

*SSgt Margo Walker*

*After Hours On-Call JAG—295-0064*

# Victim Witness Assistance Program

The Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is governed by the Victim and Witness Protection Act of 1982, and the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act of 1990. In all investigations involving an alleged victim, a VWAP-Provider is made available. The military definition of a victim is a person who has suffered direct physical, emotional, or financial harm as a result of a crime committed in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Victims of crime in other jurisdictions are also included if any portion of the investigation is conducted primarily by an agency in the DoD. Such individuals include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Military members and their family members
- DoD civilian employees
- Contractors and their family members (when stationed outside the continental United States).

Children or people needing representation.

The VWAP serves to assist victims with exercising their federally-mandated rights and with navigating the criminal justice system. VWAPs also provide victims information on services and resources, and they interact with lawyers and commanders. VWAPs help ensure the victim's situation is respected, that victims have a voice in the process and that victims are kept informed of the status of the investigation and prosecution.

Each of JBSA's legal office operating locations have a civilian VWAP coordinator whose responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that ALL victims and witnesses understand their rights,
- Serving as a POC through which victims and witnesses may obtain information concerning services and assistance in securing available services, and
- Providing information to victims/witnesses about significant events during investigation, prosecution and punishment of a crime at the earliest possible time
- THEY CANNOT, HOWEVER, TAKE A RESTRICTED REPORT

Our local VWAP Coordinators are:

JBSA-FSH, Mr. Jesse Bolanos  
2422 Stanley Road, Bldg 134  
JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234  
210-808-0169



JBSA-LAK, Ms. Melinda Smith  
1701 Kenly Ave, Suite 106  
JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236  
210-671-5731



JBSA-RND, Mr. Jonnie Queen  
1 Washington Circle, Suite 6  
JBSA-Randolph, TX 78150  
210-652-3110



For additional information on VWAP visit  
<http://www.sapr.mil/index.php/vwap> and  
<http://vwac.defense.gov/dodprograms.aspx>.

## NJP ACTIONS AT JBSA IN OCTOBER 2016

**Assault Consummated by Battery, Simple Assault**— A Second Lieutenant struck another person with his hands and then followed that person around with an unloaded firearm. The member's punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$1,200 pay for two months and a reprimand. On appeal, the member's forfeiture of \$1,200 per month for one month was suspended until 25 January 2017.

The punishment imposed reflected the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offenses and the offender's records. A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified.