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JBSA Magistrate Court and Debarment Program

What happens when a **civilian** commits a crime on base?

- Installation commanders have the responsibility and authority to protect personnel and property, to maintain good order and discipline, and to enforce applicable laws
- Civilians who violate federal law on JBSA **may be prosecuted** in U.S. district court
- Civilians may also be **debarred** from the installation

The Federal Magistrate Court Program provides a means of enforcing discipline on base with respect to civilian criminal misconduct. Misdemeanor offenses committed on base such as simple assault, DWI, possession of controlled substances, and petty theft are normally tried in U.S. Magistrate Court. The maximum authorized penalty for these offenses does not exceed one year of imprisonment. A judge advocate, appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney, prosecutes these cases on behalf of the government.

Installation commanders also have broad authority to control activities on their installations, including the authority to remove or exclude any person whose presence on the installation is unauthorized or disrupts good order and discipline. The terms debarment, barment, and barred are often used interchangeably to mean that an individual is no longer permitted access to a DoD installation. Who is subject to debarment?

- Members of the Armed Forces are not normally debarred from a military installation
- Non-DoD affiliated civilians and civilian contractors may be debarred
- Dependent family members and retirees may be debarred from an installation, but they must still be allowed access to the installation to receive any medical care to which they are entitled (a statutory right under 10 U.S.C. §§ 1074, 1076)
- Civilian employees may be debarred, but should first be removed from federal service

Debarred individuals receive written notice stating the reason and duration of the debarment. The length of time a person is debarred depends on the reason for the debarment. Debarment time frames for common offenses are generally the same, but the facts of each case may justify a variance from the usual debarment period. Individuals who have been debarred may ask the installation commander to lift, or modify, the debarment at any time. Entering the installation while debarred subjects the debarred individual to federal criminal prosecution, including prosecution in U.S. Magistrate Court.

JBSA's magistrate court and debarment program is handled by 502 ABW/JAMD located at the 502 FSG/JA legal office on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

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