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Ansbach Justice

Highlighted Cases

A look at some prominent military justice cases from USAG-Ansbach:



"Child pornography – zero tolerance"

Facts: A 1-214 GSAB Staff Sergeant sent two videos containing child pornography via the Kik messaging app. The messages were flagged and subsequently traced back to the Soldier by several law enforcement entities working in concert.

Results: The Soldier was found guilty of distributing the two illegal videos. The SM was sentenced to 18 months in prison and a dishonorable discharge. Further, he will likely be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison.



"Bumper cars gone wrong..."

Facts: A 5-4 ADAR Sergeant, after getting frustrated with another Soldier, drove his car into a building awning and fled the scene. Much to the Soldiers's surprise, the MPs were able to track the Soldier down after finding the front bumper and license plate at scene...

Results: At an Article 15, the Soldier was reduced to Specialist, received 45 days of extra duty, 45 days of restriction, and an oral reprimand. The pay forfeiture was suspended for 180 days.



"[Almost] Self-defense..."

Facts: Outside a Nuremberg bar, an aggressive patron punched a 1-214 GSAB Soldier in the face during a fight over a romantic partner. In response, the Soldier punched and kicked his attacker, continuing to land blows after the aggressor could no longer put up a fight.

Results: This is a case of "imperfect self-defense." The punishment was limited to 7 days of extra duty and 7 days of restriction, and it will not go into the Soldier's permanent record. Self-defense is permissible, but only to the extent necessary to eliminate the threat to yourself or another.

Victory Through Law!

Traffic Violations

DUIs

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Failure to Register

44

Accidents

115

Abandoned Vehicles

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Quick Tips

It is each Soldier's individual responsibility to check their LES and ensure they are receiving the right entitlements. BAH Fraud can carry a sentence of 5 years in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

The Ansbach Legal Assistance Office (distinct from the Law Center) exists to support Soldiers. Conversations with an attorney are confidential, and services are provided free of charge.

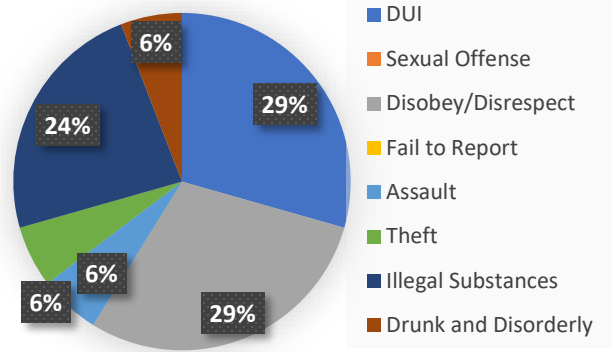
Military Justice Roll-Up:

Article 15s: 17

Separations: 2

GOMORs: 8

Pending Courts-Martial: 1



ALL SOLDIERS ARE
PRESUMED INNOCENT
UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY

Significant Legal Updates

New (punitive!) Joint Ethics Regulation

The DoD published a new Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) on 15 May applicable to all employees (including Soldiers). While there are changes throughout, the most fundamental is that violations of the JER are now criminalized under Article 92, UCMJ. Stay ethical!

Update to Army's Protest, Extremist, and Criminal Gang policy

Effective 14 June, AR 600-20 is amended to more clearly delineate prohibited activities for Soldiers, and a commander's ability to prevent participation in such activities. Soldiers are prohibited, among other things, from active participation in organizations that promote violent overthrow of the government, engage in unlawful discrimination, or providing support to such an organization. This includes donating money, attending meetings in support, or accessing extremist website from government devices, or liking/sharing/re-tweeting such content.

Closing Argument:

Leave and Pass Season Advice

With leave and pass season in full swing, IPPS-A requests need to reflect accurate travel itineraries. Keep your chain of command informed of flight cancellations, leave extensions, and other itinerary changes to avoid finding yourself in an unauthorized location or status. Reconcile your travel plans with the unit S-2 to ensure that your wish-list does not include prohibited countries and seek country security briefings if necessary.

Taking leave is good! Lying about where you're going is bad.