



FORT GORDON CYBER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
Legal Assistance Office



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CYBER ADVOCACY: FINANCIAL LIABILITY INVESTIGATIONS OF PROPERTY LOSS (FLIPL)

What is a FLIPL?

IAW AR 735-5, a FLIPL is an investigation as to whether a financial loss to the Army was a result of misconduct or negligence of a Soldier(s) or Civilian(s) when property has been lost or damaged. If a Soldier or Civilian admits liability for the property, the Soldier or Civilian may want to pay for the loss or damage by signing a statement of charges and thus preventing a FLIPL.

What do I do as a subject of a FLIPL?

Immediately seek legal assistance from your nearest JAG office. If you are unable to meet with an attorney before your rebuttal is due, immediately request an extension, explaining you have been unable to meet with an attorney.

What do I bring to my Legal Assistance Appointment?

1. A copy of the whole FLIPL, including any findings and recommendations.
2. A copy of all your awards and certificates during your military career.
3. Any character statements from other Service members or people who know you or otherwise can provide information about the allegations against you. Such statements should be in a memorandum according to military standards.
4. A list of any questions you have for your attorney.

What are my rights?

If it is determined that there was a loss or damage and your negligence or misconduct caused it, then you have the right to file a rebuttal/response to the FLIPL within a certain period of time. The Financial Liability Officer (FLO) will consider your response and make a recommendation of your liability to the Commander.

What are the consequences of a FLIPL?

If the FLO determines that the loss was a result of misconduct or negligence, then he or she will give her recommendations and findings to the appointing authority and they will hold you liable for a particular dollar amount. Usually, Soldiers do not have to pay more than 1 month's base pay and Civilians do not have to pay more than 1/12 of their yearly salary, but in some instances a Soldier or a Civilian may be held liable for the full amount of the loss. Your pay will be

garnished for the amount of the loss. You can request reconsideration and file an appeal at certain junctures in the process, which you should discuss with your attorney.

Additional Information

For additional information, the Fort Gordon Legal Assistance Office is located at 267 Heritage Park Lane, Building 35202, Fort Gordon, Georgia. You may need to reach the office by calling (706) 791-7812 / 7813. Please be advised you must have an appointment to consult with one of the attorneys; however, paralegals are available during hours of operation to answer general questions.