



# Phantom Justice: November 2023



## Courts-Martial

On 16 November 2023, at a special court-martial convened at Fort Cavazos, TX, PFC Malik I. Jones, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of three specifications of domestic violence in violation of Article 128b, UCMJ. Contrary to his plea, PFC Jones was convicted of one specification of domestic violence, in violation of Article 128b, UCMJ. The accused was acquitted of two specifications of domestic violence, in violation of Article 128b, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for 9 months, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement.

On 21 November 2023, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Cavazos, TX, SGT Tanner L. Shields, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of two specifications of larceny in violation of Article 121, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for 9 months, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement.

## CG-Level Separations

A SGT was separated under Chapter 14-12c with a GEN discharge for maltreatment, wrongfully consuming alcohol with junior enlisted Soldiers, and extramarital conduct.

### III Corps Military Justice Actions:

- DWI GOMORs: 4
- Misconduct GOMORs: 2
- Article 15s: 54
- DV Administrative Separations: 0
- Administrative Separations for sex-related offenses: 0
- Courts-Martials for sex-related offenses: 0
- Total Courts-Martial: 2

*NOTE: Soldiers being separated administratively may receive one of three characterizations of service: Honorable, General, or Other Than Honorable (OTH). Anything less than an Honorable discharge may result in the loss of certain benefits and negatively affect employment and educational opportunities. References to "Chapter 14-12c" are to specific provisions within Army Regulation 635-200, Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations, related to separation for commission of a serious offense.*

*NOTE: Cases involving Soldiers accused of committing sexual assault or sexual contact offenses may be disposed of through the administrative separation process for a number of reasons. For example, survivors sometimes prefer the administrative separation process over participating in a court-martial.*

*NOTE: Officer eliminations are approved at Human Resources Command, whereas enlisted separations are approved at the local installation.*

*NOTE: A Chapter 10 is an administrative separation in lieu of trial by court martial.*