

Phantom Justice: February 2023



CG-Level Separations

A SPC was separated under Chapter 14-12c with an OTH discharge for sexual acts with a minor.

A SPC was separated under Chapter 14-12c(2) with a General discharge for the wrongful use of an illegal drug.

Courts-Martial

On 27 February 2023, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Hood, Texas, SPC Romario Lalor, United States Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of sexual assault of a child in violation of Article 120b, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for 18 months, and to be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement.

III Corps Military Justice Actions:

- DUI GOMORs: 2
- MISCONDUCT GOMORs: 2
- Article 15s: 54
- DV Administrative Separations: 0 Sex Crimes Administrative Separations: 1 Sex Crimes Courts-Martial: 1
- **Total Courts-Martial: 1**

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.