



Phantom Justice: October 2024



Courts-Martial

On 1 October 2024, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Cavazos, TX, PV2 Deangelo O. Ray-Brown, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of assault and one specification of violation of a lawful order in violation of Articles 128 and 92, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused, to be confined for 6 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 17 October 2024, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Cavazos, TX, LTC Keith J. Wilson, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of violation of a lawful order and one specification of conduct unbecoming an officer in violation of Articles 92 and 133, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be adjudged a written reprimand and forfeiture of \$100 per month for 3 months. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement.

On 21 October 2024, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Cavazos, TX, SSG Ladell B. Pollard, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of assault consummated by battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 120 days. As part of the agreement, the accused was also separated from service with an Other Than Honorable discharge and reduced to E-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.

CG-Level Separations

A PFC was separated under Chapter 14-12c with an OTH discharge for committing a sexual act upon a minor.

A PV1 was separated under Chapter 14-12c(2) with a GEN discharge for the wrongful use of an illegal drug.

III Armored Corps Military Justice Actions:

- **DWI GOMORs: 7**
- **Misconduct GOMORs: 1**
- **CG Article 15s: 0**
- **DV Administrative Separations: 0**
- **Administrative Separations for sex-related offenses: 1**
- **Courts-Martial for sex-related offenses: 1**
- **Total Courts-Martial: 3**