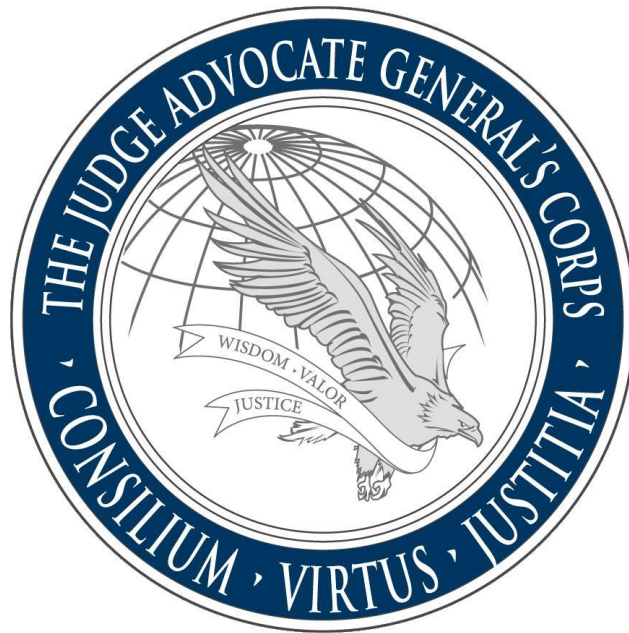


Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

February 2016



This report lists convictions and acquittals for general and special courts-martial. The Air Force publishes these cases for deterrence purposes. Each military justice case must be resolved on its own facts. There are no expected or required dispositions, outcomes, or sentences in any military justice case, other than those resulting from the individual facts and merits of a case and the application of due process of law. Adjudged sentences reported here do not reflect any relief on the sentence that may have been granted during clemency or on appeal. When an Airman agrees to plead guilty to charges in return for some action by the convening authority, those pretrial agreements are noted and any impact on the adjudged sentence is included in the summary.

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GCM Convictions

At RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Senior Airman Aaron M. Buford was found guilty by officer members of distributing and possessing child pornography. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1) and a bad conduct discharge.

At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Staff Sergeant Jhoan M. Catano was found guilty by officer members of aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon, wrongful possession and use of a controlled substances, and being absent without leave. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a reprimand, a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 239 days, and total forfeitures. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, Technical Sergeant Matthew A. Cavada was found guilty by military judge alone of distributing and possessing child pornography. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a dishonorable discharge, confinement for two years, and total forfeitures. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Aviano AB, Italy, Master Sergeant Christopher W. Cluff was found guilty by military judge alone of producing and possessing child pornography. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 25 years, and total forfeitures.

At Shaw AFB, SC, Staff Sergeant David Contreras Jr. was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of abusive sexual contact. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a dishonorable discharge, confinement for one year, and total forfeitures.

At Sheppard AFB, TX, Airman Basic Hunter J. Denny was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use and distribution of controlled substances, attempted wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, and solicitation of another to wrongfully use a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge and confinement for one year. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI, Master Sergeant Jerrid J. Olson was found guilty by military judge alone of rape, sexual assault, abusive sexual contact, incest, producing and possessing child pornography, recording the private area of another without consent, wrongfully endeavoring to influence the testimony of a witness, and violating a lawful order. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a dishonorable discharge, and confinement for 50 years. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, confinement in excess of 45 years will not be approved.

At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Senior Airman Bryan U. Tolbert was found guilty by military judge alone of abusive sexual contact. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, confinement for five months, and total forfeitures. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

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At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Senior Airman Joshua P. Weeden was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use and distribution of controlled substances and introduction of a controlled substance onto a military installation. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, and confinement for ten months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

GCM Acquittals

At Hurlburt Field, FL, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by military judge alone of sexual abuse of a child and indecent exposure.

At F.E. Warren AFB, WY, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault of a child and sexual abuse a child.

At Schriever AFB, CO, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by military judge alone of sexual assault.

At Ramstein AB, Germany, an officer was acquitted by military judge alone of sexual assault and abusive sexual contact.

SPCM Convictions

At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Airman First Class Alexander J. Deroba was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, confinement for three months, and forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for three months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Airman Christopher R. Estrada was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a reprimand, confinement for two months, and forfeiture of \$1,044 pay per month for two months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Travis AFB, CA, Airman Basic Steven A. Gonzales was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use, distribution, and possession of controlled substances. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge and confinement for two months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Ramstein AB, Germany, Senior Airman Donquarius R. Ivory was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, and forfeiture of \$1,044 pay per month for two months.

At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Airman Basic Jeremiah L. McKay was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge and confinement for 45 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

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At Travis AFB, CA, Technical Sergeant James A. Muse was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance and failure to go. He was sentenced to reduction to Senior Airman (E-4), confinement for five months, and forfeiture of \$1,650 pay per month for five months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Dyess AFB, TX, Senior Airman Ryan W. Newhouse was found guilty by military judge alone of drunken driving and drunkenness resulting in incapacity to perform duties. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, and confinement for 30 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Vandenberg AFB, CA, Airman Basic Brianna N. Ortiz was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of controlled substances, willfully damaging property valued over \$500, willfully damaging military property valued at \$500 or less, and underage drinking. She was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 270 days, and forfeiture of \$1,044 pay per month for nine months. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, confinement in excess of six months will not be approved.

At Travis AFB, CA, Airman First Class Kyle D. Pendley was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use of controlled substances. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 30 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

At Barksdale AFB, LA, Airman Basic Christopher S. White was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of wrongful disposition of military property valued at \$500 or less. He was sentenced to a reprimand, confinement for six months, and forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for six months.

At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Airman First Class Daniel J. Wicker was found guilty by military judge alone of wrongful use and distribution of controlled substances. He was sentenced to reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), a reprimand, confinement for 100 days, and forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for six months.

SPCM Acquittals

At Vandenberg AFB, CA, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.

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