

Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

February 2019



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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General Court-Martial Convictions

1. At Mountain Home AFB, ID, Airman Dylan S. Hale was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of assault consummated by a battery, drunken driving, willful dereliction of duty, attempted sexual abuse of a child, attempted sexual assault of a child, attempted solicitation of child pornography, possession of child pornography, fleeing the scene of an accident, violating a general order, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, and obstructing justice. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge; confinement for 8 years, 3 months, and 28 days; reduction to Airman Basic (E-1); and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
2. At Cannon AFB, NM, Airman First Class Jakob E. Cramer Gallegos was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of sexual assault of a child, sexual abuse of a child, failure to obey a lawful order, and possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 3 years and 9 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.
3. At RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Airman Marqavius Greene was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of failure to obey a lawful order and indecent visual recording of the private area of another without consent. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 3 years and 6 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).
4. At the U.S. Air Force Academy, CO, Cadet Armis J. Sunday was found guilty by officer members of sexual assault. He was sentenced to a dismissal, confinement for 75 days, and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
5. At Hanscom AFB, MA, Lieutenant Colonel Michael Young was found guilty by officer members of conduct unbecoming an officer and abusive sexual contact. He was sentenced to total forfeiture of pay and allowances and a reprimand.
6. At Scott AFB, IL, Master Sergeant Matthew L. Gillian was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of assault consummated by a battery, wrongful importation of a controlled substance, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, and communicating a threat. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 1 year and 7 months, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
7. At Moody AFB, GA, Senior Airman Jonathan D. Citsay was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$2,555 pay per month for 4 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
8. At JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, Senior Airman Laurent A. Laguitan was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of sexual assault. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 8 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

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9. At Kadena AB, Japan, Senior Airman Zachre M. Hayes was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of rape of a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 28 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 25 years and will defer the adjudged reduction in rank and forfeitures until action.

10. At Hill AFB, UT, Staff Sergeant Brian M. Schmitt was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 6 months, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

11. At F.E. Warren AFB, WY, Technical Sergeant Blair V. Bauer was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 4 years, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).

12. At Eielson AFB, AK, Technical Sergeant Jeremy M. Holder was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 5 years, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

General Court-Martial Acquittals

13. At Buckley AFB, CO, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of rape and assault consummated by a battery.

14. At Yokota AB, Japan, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of larceny of military property valued over \$500 and false official statement.

15. At Ramstein AB, Germany, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of abusive sexual contact.

Special Court-Martial Convictions

16. At Hurlburt AFB, FL, Airman Basic Ryan D. Hatcher was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of breaking restriction, desertion, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

17. At Nellis AFB, NV, Airman First Class Frederick J. Sheppard III was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of false official statement, wrongful use of a controlled substance, and being drunk on duty. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 75 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 3 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

18. At Nellis AFB, NV, Airman First Class John T. Barrick was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance, making a false official statement, and going from his place of duty. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for

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45 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 2 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

19. At Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, Airman Richard T. Sprague was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, restriction for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 6 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

20. At Aviano AB, Italy, Senior Airman Chaz D. Scott was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 1 day, hard labor without confinement for 30 days, restriction for 30 days, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

21. At McConnell AFB, KS, Senior Airman Elisabeth M. Keen was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to confinement for 7 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 7 months, and a reprimand.

22. At Hill AFB, UT, Senior Airman Gabriel W. Stone was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 6 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

23. At McConnell AFB, KS, Senior Airman Karli M. Black was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to confinement for 100 days, hard labor without confinement for 60 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 6 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

24. At Nellis AFB, NV, Staff Sergeant Ashley J. Ferry was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. She was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, hard labor without confinement for 90 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.

25. At JB Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, Staff Sergeant Jacob T. Herman was found guilty by officer members of being absent without leave and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to hard labor without confinement for 90 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), and forfeiture of \$628 pay per month for 3 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

26. At JB Lewis-McChord, WA, Staff Sergeant Kendall B. Emory was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of assault with an unloaded firearm. He was sentenced to confinement for 21 days, hard labor without confinement for 14 days, and reduction to Airman First Class (E-3). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

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27. At Keesler AFB, MS, Staff Sergeant Nicholas S. Babian was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance and wrongful possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.

28. At Kadena AB, Japan, Staff Sergeant Tevin W. Ortega was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of false official statement and larceny of military property valued over \$500. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 4 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

29. At Offutt AFB, NE, Technical Sergeant Mark A. Richards was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance and violating a general regulation. He was sentenced to confinement for 3 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 30 days.

Special Court-Martial Acquittals

30. At Schriever AFB, CO, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of wrongful use of a controlled substance.

31. At Luke AFB, AZ, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of abusive sexual contact.