

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Case Study video PFC Natasha Schuette

1. Purpose. To provide information on the Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault video case study of PFC Natasha Schuette.

2. Background. This video case-study addresses the crisis of sexual harassment and sexual assault through the lens of the Army Profession with a particular focus on the trust relationships that are the bedrock of the Army Profession. The accompanying facilitator's guide enables small group discussion about how the crime of sexual assault and a culture that enables sexual harassment contradicts all essential characteristics of the Army Profession.

3. Discussion.

a. PFC Schuette was the victim of sexual assault and sexual harassment during her basic training. The perpetrator was her Drill Sergeant, who was found guilty of multiple crimes and sentenced to 5 years in prison. She chose to continue serving and is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She shares her experience because she wants to ensure other soldiers don't experience the same physical trauma and mental anguish. She wants to inspire everyone to report any incident involving sexual assault and harassment.

b. The Center for the Army Profession and Ethic (CAPE) developed this video case study after reading about PFC Schuette in the Army Times. Believing her story could be used to reinforce the importance of the Army Profession as a way to eradicate sexual harassment and sexual assault, CAPE contacted PFC Schuette and asked if she would be willing to share her story through a video case study. She readily agreed and what you are viewing today is the initial version of a training resource for Army-wide use.

c. The following details of the case are provided from an article published in a South Carolina newspaper called the Crescent News. The web location is:
<http://www.crescent-news.com/editors%20pick/2012/11/23/two-at-fort-jackson-failed-duty-in-sex-assaults-case>.

(1) The perpetrator, SSG Louis Corral, assaulted or harassed five female recruits between 4 January and 14 January while he was their drill sergeant.

(2) SSG Corral enlisted in 2004 and had been a drill sergeant since 2010. SSG Corral was accused of sexually assaulting two recruits at one time, including having at least one of them perform a sex act on him.

(3) SSG Corral was convicted in November 2012 of forcible sodomy, abusive sexual contact, indecent conduct, assault, adultery, and failing to follow a lawful order and was sentenced to five years in prison, reduced in rank to private, and forfeited his \$2,886 monthly salary.

(4) A female drill sergeant who threatened PFC Schuette was given an official reprimand but was allowed to keep her job. It was believed she was manipulated by SSG Corral and was otherwise a good performer.

(5) The captain in charge of F Company, 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment launched an inquiry to determine if PFC Schuette's allegations were legitimate instead of calling military police as soon as he heard about the assault.

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