

Military Recruiters: Criminal, Abusive or Suspect Activity

Eight-year Chronological Review of Public Reports as of August 28, 2009

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By no means should this compilation be considered a definitive report covering all cases of criminal, abusive or suspect activity by military recruiters or the recruiting command. For example, in 2004 the Army alone self-reported over 325 cases of recruiter fraud, with only 35 recruiters relieved of duty (see CBS News report dated July 14, 2005). Self-reported Department of Defense records show that rapes or sexual assaults by military recruiters numbered at least 100 in 2005 (see Kansas City Star report dated August 20, 2006). Our margins in compiling are a result of existing limitations in media database research vs. the military's access to their own records. All reports we cite have been saved.

This compilation was created to visibly support the widely-held opposition to military recruiters having federally-forced access to youth via schools and access to youth throughout their communities, largely due to exorbitant military recruiting budgets.

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2009

Case impugns Marine recruiting

Severely mentally disabled and autistic young adult was picked up at his group home by Marine recruiter who helped him enlist; investigating Marine officer stated that recruiter's testimony was "not believable and he may have even perjured himself;" recruit had spent years on psychotropic drugs, finished high school in a lockdown facility, was treated for attraction to child pornography, and before enlisted, was on the verge of receiving federal long-term disability status ; at boot camp, recruit admitted autism to drill instructor; within first 14 days of boot camp, he was in serious trouble with multiple offenses, and was sent for a medical evaluation; autism diagnosis was confirmed with family and medical records show he admitted to lying about his history; yet, medical officer reported back "there was nothing wrong with him," and he graduated from boot camp; eventually, he was caught with child pornography, went AWOL and was confined in the brig for almost a full year; charged and pleaded guilty to unauthorized absences, possession of child pornography and fraudulent enlistment; sentenced to bad-conduct discharge and four years' confinement, suspended.

- Location: Irvine, California
- Source: Orange County Register
- Report Date: July 26, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s): Matthew Teson

Parents of recruit sue the Army, say they were misled

Parents of then 17-year-old daughter claim Army told the mother to sign for herself and her husband what she thought was a permission slip for daughter to attend an overnight evaluation; what she actually signed was a full enlistment; suit claims that recruiter told the mother to sign her husband's name "in case of emergency;" father never gave consent for his daughter's enlistment; Army regulations require both parents' consent; daughter now to be deployed to Afghanistan

- Location: Savannah, New York
- Source: St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- Report Date: July 25, 2009

Marine recruiter gets 3 years for sexual assault

Marine sergeant convicted of aggravated sexual assault and procuring alcohol for an underage person; sentenced to three years in prison; prosecutor accused him of buying drinks for the female Marine at several bars, then taking her home and forcing her to have sex

- Location: Lubbock, Texas
- Source: San Diego Union-Tribune
- Report Date: June 26, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: David M. Marshall, 27

Air Force recruiter charged with selling drugs

Air National Guard technical sergeant is charged on felony drug charges; accused of selling drugs from his recruiting office and his home; police seize \$40,000 worth of prescription medications, forty grams of cocaine, and marijuana

- Location: Cranston, Rhode Island
- Source: The Providence Journal
- Report Date: June 3, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Richard Flamand, 31

Marine recruiter charged with pimping girl, 14

Marine staff sergeant charged with felony pimping and kidnapping of girl aged 14-year-old; also being investigated for using the girl to entice potential Marine recruits; charged with 7 felonies, including felony pimping and kidnapping; girl found by police in car with recruiter and two Marine recruits, ages 18 and 19

- Location: Hemet, California
- Source: Associated Press
- Report Date: June 2, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Bryan Damone Cunningham, 33

Recruiter allegedly propositioned student

Navy recruiter banned from high school after being accused of offering to pay an 18-year-old student for sex acts; local police alerted school officials, accusing him of sending two text messages to the student at home and “offering to pay her ‘bills’ for sexual acts;” naval investigations looking into the matter as a possible case of “recruiter misconduct,” not as a criminal matter.

- Location: Arlington, Texas
- Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- Report Date: May 6, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s): Roderick Tillar

Ex-CCHS Army recruiter under investigation

Army investigates a staff sergeant recruiter, who had been assigned to several local high school campuses, for adultery, indecent acts and misconduct; may face court martial and up to 27 years in jail; but even if he is found guilty, a judge or jury could impose no punishment

- Location: Conroe, Texas
- Source: The Courier
- Report Date: April 3, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Daniel Post, 32

Former Marine recruiter pleads guilty of rape

Marine recruiter pleads guilty to third-degree rape involving a 15-year-old Valley High School Student; sentenced to five years supervised probation; accused of having sex with the teen on two separate occasions after they met at school and arranged to meet on MySpace.com

- Location: Louisville, Kentucky
- Source: The Courier-Journal
- Report Date: March 31, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Arthur Pledger, Jr., 27

Miramontes guilty of manslaughter

Navy recruiter pled guilty to two counts of manslaughter; indictment alleged he used his car as a deadly weapon in the deaths of 34-year-old pastor and his 12-year-old daughter; pastor's wife and second daughter survived; judge could sentence recruiter for up to 20 years.

- Location: Athens, Texas
- Source: Athens Daily Review
- Report Date: March 17, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Jose Luis Joel Miramontes Jr., 31

Recruiter charged in child prostitution sting

Lenexa, Kansas Navy recruiter arrested in sting; allegedly paid an undercover cop \$80, intending to have sex with an 11-year-old; used his recruiting station computer to respond to online ad which advertised "Little girls available, \$young \$youngest;" had previously been stationed as recruiter in San Francisco and Florida.

- Location: Kansas City, Missouri
- Source: Navy Times
- Report Date: March 13, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Shane Childers, 32

2 recruiting bosses fired after suicide probe

A lieutenant colonel and command sergeant major in Houston Recruiting Battalion replaced and disciplinary actions may be possible after investigation into the deaths of four soldiers by suicide in the battalion

- Location: Houston, Texas
- Source: Army Times
- Report Date: March 8, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s): Toimu Reeves and Cheryl Broussard

**February 13, 2009 – In wake of recruiter suicides,
Army orders one-day recruiter stand-down of 8,400
active duty and reserves recruiters**

Low morale, stress blamed in Army recruiter suicides

Amidst allegations that Houston, Texas, recruiting battalion's "chain of command tried to cover up a toxic leadership climate," Army investigation finds poor leadership, job-related stress, personal matters and medical problems contributed to a string of recruiter suicides; a "rare" one-day Army stand-down ordered (previous stand-down for all military occurred in May 2005, prompted by reports of recruiter abuses, including sex offenses); 4 recruiters, all veterans of combat areas, committed suicide in Houston battalion since 2005; recruiting duty "considered one of the most stressful in the Army, especially in wartime;" Houston command leadership created problems including poor morale, long work hours, unpredictable schedules, restricting recruiters' time with their families leading to strained personnel relationships; used humiliation on recruiters; one recruiter had been pressured to "admit he was a failure" and report found that contributed to the recruiter's suicide the following week; nationally, at least 17 recruiters have committed suicide since 2001; recruiters tell of 12 to 14 hour work days 6 or 7 days per week, and, if quotas are missed, recruiters punished with even longer duty hours, threatened with losing rank or being kicked out of the Army; mental health treatment is difficult with little free time and access to doctors and therapists

- Location: Nationwide and Houston, Texas
- Source: Houston Chronicle
- Report Date: January 22, 2009

Marine gunnery sergeant jailed 90 days for adultery

Married recruiter sergeant pleaded guilty to adultery after having sex with widow of a fellow Marine private first class who had died 3 weeks before; had recruited the PFC as a teenager in high school in 2007; PFC married high school sweetheart, finished basic training, eventually sent to Afghanistan where he died within two months of deployment; recruiter befriended widow, who considered him a "big brother-type," took her to his home, served her alcohol, she became drunk and they had sex; recruiter's attorney said recruiter was grieving over PFC's death and "got a little bit too close"

- Location: St. Louis, Missouri
- Source: San Diego Union-Tribune
- Report Date: January 13, 2009
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Stephen Kuehler, 30

Substance abuse appears a problem among stressed Army recruiters

Focuses on substance abuse among stressed Army recruiters; soldiers assigned to recruiting duties face increasing stress which results in significant use of drugs, alcohol and anti-depressants

- Location: Nationwide
- Source: Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Weekly
- Report Date: January 5, 2009

2008

Recruiter Faces Sexual Conduct Charges

Navy recruiter arrested on charges that he showed photos of his genitalia to at least 7 young girls he was recruiting; up to 30 more potential victims were being contacted by police

- Location: Madera, California
- Source: Military.com
- Report Date: November 19, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Jonathon Joshua Taylor, 28

Navy recruiter arrested for drug distribution

Recruiter charged with distributing methamphetamine and Xanax to undercover narcotics agents, who made a drug buy from recruiter while he was in uniform and driving government-issued car

- Location: Shreveport, Louisiana
- Source: Press release, Bossier Sheriff's Office
- Report Date: October 17, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Jason M. Balliet, 26

Recruiter accused of sexual assault

National Guard recruiting sergeant, a decorated 10-year veteran, faces criminal trial on five charges of indecent assault and battery against two female recruits

- Location: Quincy, Massachusetts
- Source: Boston Herald
- Report Date: October 7, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Robert M. Tomasello, 31

High School Military Recruiter Accused of Raping Students

Police seek additional victims of Marine recruiter and ROTC instructor; charged with lewd acts with a child and sexual intercourse with a minor in sexual assaults against two girls ages 13 and 16; also suspected of sexual assault of female Marine while he was on active duty

- Location: Los Angeles, California
- Source: KTLA.TV
- Report Date: October 2, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Ross Jay Curtis, 23

Recruiter charged with sexual assault

Navy recruiter charged with sexual assaults on two girls, beginning when they were six-years-old and continuing for years; also being investigated for impregnating a 16-year-old girl; assigned as navy recruiter despite history of investigations in 2001 and 2005 for similar complaints from other young girls; police said his wife admitted to his use of pornographic movies when young children were in his home

- Location: Texas City, Texas
- Source: Houston Chronicle
- Report Date: September 5, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Douglas Bowie Jr., 31

Marine who forced sex on recruit gets 4 months prison

Plea agreement allows a sentence of 4 months to Marine staff sergeant after he admitted to forcing sex on a female recruit on the floor of the recruiting station and to kissing second recruit; also found guilty of adultery which is against military law; sentenced to one-year in prison; plea bargained sentence to 4 months

- Location: Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- Report Date: August 31, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Timothy J. Hall, 31

National Guard recruiter disciplined for alleged sexual advances

Recruiter found guilty of disorderly conduct in civil court after being accused of making multiple sexual advances toward a 20-year-old recruit a during recruiting visit; removed as a recruiter after military investigation

- Location: Waupun, Wisconsin
- Source: Fond du Lac Reporter
- Report Date: August 27, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): James D. Miley

Marine recruiter faces sex charges with teen

Sergeant arrested and charged with three felonies for alleged sexual relationship with a 17-year-old girl he met while recruiting in her high school at a job fair

- Location: Lincoln, California
- Source: Marine Corps Times
- Report Date: August 25, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Victor Sanchez-Millan, 23

Army recruiter pleads guilty to distributing child pornography

Army Reserves sergeant pleads guilty to one count of receiving and distributing child pornography; receives 11-year prison term; investigators recovered his computer containing violent child pornography with images and videos of children as young as 3-years-old being sexually abused

- Location: Lemoore, California
- Source: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Press Release
- Report Date: August 22, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Ramon Santos, Jr.

Army Recruiter Charged in Bonanza Bank Robbery

Army recruiting sergeant charged with felony robbery after confessing to police that he held up a bank to repay his loans

- Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Source: 4029-TV
- Report Date: August 21, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Ryan Christopher Hooper, 36

San Antonio recruiting commander fired

Commander of recruiting district relieved of command after investigation found he had “created an unacceptable command climate” despite having met recruiting goals

- Location: San Antonio, Texas
- Source: Navy Times
- Report Date: July 13, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Vincent Quidachay

Army Recruiter Used Scare Tactics

Recruiter sergeant threatens two 17-year-olds, who signed non-binding contracts [delayed entry program], with untrue statements that they were “deserters,” “AWOL” and that he could “put out a warrant for you and spend your time in jail instead of in the Army”; same recruiting station had previously used unethical tactics [See below: July 14, 2005, Thomas Kelt]

- Location: Houston, Texas
- Source: CBS News
- Report Date: July 28, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Glenn Marquette

Suspect Soldiers: California National Guard scrutinizes recruiter offenses

Forty-eight recruiters, supervisors and support staff investigated; 27 are punished, more remain under investigation; variety of offenses alleged, including forging records, possessing pornography and sex with a minor

- Location: California
- Source: The Sacramento Bee
- Report Date: July 27, 2008

Navy high school recruiter faces charge of sex with 16-year-old

Veteran of three tours in Iraq, recruiter charged with statutory rape of a 16-year-old high school student he met at her high school

- Location: Santa Ana, California
- Source: Orange County Register
- Report Date: July 21, 2008

- Named Recruiter(s), age: Ulises Urbina, 28

Navy recruiter's false promises allegedly snare Kapolei students

Two teens state that recruiter, who had been banned from recruiting on school campus for being “overly aggressive” and “doing things that appeared to not be ethical,” told them they could get a “free, four-year college education” before seeing any active duty; instead, two 18-year-olds are off to boot camp; said one (an honor student): “I am a very trusting person. I thought the U.S. government would be truthful to me”

- Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
- Source: Star Bulletin
- Report Date: June 15, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Jimmy Pecadeso

Racist recruiting? Marine Corps ad draws fire

Recruiting commercial for Marines aimed at targeting minorities is criticized for “subtle stereotyping” and resurrecting previous controversies regarding military officers’ perceptions that blacks cannot swim

- Location: National
- Source: Army Times
- Report Date: June 15, 2008

Vt. Guard Member Charged With Sex Assault

Former recruiter for National Guard charged with one count of aggravated sexual assault on a minor; admitted he touch a 6-year-old girl inappropriately and then exposed himself to her in her home; he resigned from the Guard after police opened the investigation

- Location: Newport, New Hampshire
- Source: WCAX-TV
- Report Date: May 27, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Bryan Hogle, 33

Ex-National Guard recruiter admits to assaulting 7 female students

Hamilton County high school recruiter sergeant pleads guilty to 10 counts of sexual battery, official misconduct and corrupt business influence; originally charged with 39 counts including rape; rape charge dropped as part of plea bargain; he admitted to assaulting 7 female students; plea bargain also allows sentence of no more than four years in prison

- Location: Noblesville, Indiana
- Source: The Noblesville Ledger
- Report Date: May 16, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Eric P. Vetesy, 39

Marine gets 180 days for stalking

Recruiter sentenced to jail, three years probation and issued 10-year restraining order after pleading guilty to felony stalking; continuously threatened woman after she broke off relationship; recruiter admitted he used woman's fear to control her

- Location: Monterey County, California
- Source: Monterey County Herald
- Report Date: April 4, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Mauricio Garcia-Rios

Army Recruiter Charged with Husband's Murder

Staff sergeant recruiter charged with first degree murder; allegedly shot and killed her husband on the street in their neighborhood

- Location: Devils Elbow, Missouri
- Source: KSPR-TV
- Report Date: March 27, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Stacy Lynn Powell

Army recruiter charged with child endangerment

Recruiter charged with two counts: endangering welfare of a child and first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child; police say he met two girls, ages 14 and 15, through MySpace page; he picked them up, took them to his home, where teenagers spent the night and were served alcohol

- Location: Green Island, New York
- Source: The Times Union
- Report Date: March 17, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Richard Brenton, 22

Guard: Recruiter faked GEDs

Recruiting sergeant confessed to falsifying high-school equivalency certificates and other papers for four recruits, three of whom then enlisted; will face at least 15 counts; other enlistments he processed being investigated

- Location: Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Source: The Advocate
- Report Date: March 15, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s): Stephen Davis

Taming the Recruiters: Students Feel Cheated After Enlisting, Lawmakers Hear

War veteran and others testify at state legislature that promises made by recruiters are not kept; enlistees are "misled," and that some students face "aggressive recruiting;" most prospective recruits "do not have someone with experience to guide them."

- Location: Hartford, Connecticut
- Source: The Hartford Courant
- Report Date: March 11, 2008

Former Army recruiter arrested for bigamy

Married recruiter falsified divorce documents, forged a judges signature and then married another woman who was pregnant with his daughter; now separated from both wives

- Location: Plattsburgh, New York
- Source: Press Republican
- Report Date: February 10, 2008
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Michael Husband, 22

Marines Jailed On DWI Charges

Two marine recruiters arrested and charged with DWI in a military vehicle; one charged with impersonating a military police officer; both had prior DWI arrest records

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Source: Albuquerque Journal

Report Date: February 9, 2008

Named Recruiter(s), age: Nicholas Wood, 25, and Mario Castaneda, 29

2007

Pa. National Guard recruiter charged with raping recruit

Sergeant charged with raping a woman he had helped to enlist when she was home on leave; he had asked her to come to the recruiter office to help with recruiting duties

- Location: Lebanon County, Pennsylvania
- Source: Times Leader News
- Report Date: December 7, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Christopher A. Scott, 36

National Guard recruiters cited for improprieties

Two recruiters, a staff sergeant and a sergeant, falsified paperwork in pursuit of potential teenage recruits

- Location: Reading, Pennsylvania
- Source: The Morning Call
- Report Date: November 27, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Robert Donmoyer and Horace McNeil

Army recruiter facing child porn charges

Recruiter charged with soliciting sex from 16-year-old girl he met during high school visit and felony possession of child pornography

- Location: Jonesboro, Arkansas
- Source: The Associated Press
- Report Date: November 22, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Gregory John DeBoer, 28

Plea set in child porn case

Former Army recruiting station commander originally charged with five counts of distributing child pornography and one count of attempting to solicit sex from a minor; charges carried a maximum sentence of 30 years; pleads guilty to one count of distributing child pornography and faces minimum sentence of five years in federal prison in plea deal

- Location: Oneonta, New York
- Source: The Daily Star
- Report Date: November 14, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Michael J. Frascatore, 42

Navy recruiter accused of inappropriate contact with Darlington High student

Petty Officer First Class arrested on charges of contributing to delinquency of a minor; also charged with participating in, preparing and disseminating obscene material to a minor and

sexual exploitation of a child; school principal says background checks for recruiters, equal to school employees, are entrusted to the military, not the school

- Location: Darlington, South Carolina
- Source: WIS-TV
- Report Date: November 5, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Eric R. Melton

Nine marine recruiters punished in exam fraud

Stand-ins took required military entrance exams for at least 15 marginal enlistees; officials “unsure how widespread the practice was or where recruiters learned of the technique”

- Location: Houston, Texas
- Source: Houston Chronicle
- Report Date: November 1, 2007

Recruiter for Guard facing sex charges

NCO recruiter charged with sending sexually explicit text messages to two 17-year-old girls, writing his desire for oral sex and intercourse; faces two counts of corruption of minors and three counts of furnishing alcohol to minors; followed one girl around her school cafeteria, telling her how guys are “into lesbianism”

- Location: Hawley and Milford, Pennsylvania
- Source: The Times Tribune
- Report Date: November 1, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: William John Capo, 44

Oregon recruiter dead in apparent suicide

Marine recruiter arrives at work to find another recruiter sergeant dead of apparent suicide

- Location: Grants Pass, Oregon
- Source: Army Times
- Report Date: October 27, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Ronald Nuttall

Army Officer Arrested for Rockets in Home

Sergeant recruiter, a special ops veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq, charged with possessing rocket explosives in home he recently shared with his estranged wife

- Location: Pleasant View, Tennessee
- Source: WKRN-TV
- Report Date: October 24, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Randy Springer

More Army recruits have criminal past

Pentagon reports that 18% of Army recruits have criminal records due to waivers, an increase from the previous-year’s 15%; additional waivers allowed for medical problems or low aptitude

scores; lawmakers and others worry that the Defense Department is lowering standards to draw in recruits

- Location: National
- Source: The Associated Press
- Report Date: October 10, 2007

Army recruiter pleads guilty to felony identity theft

Civilian recruiter pleads guilty to felony identity theft; admits he stole the identity of a soldier he helped recruit; gets not jail time; sentenced to four years probation

- Location: St. Louis, Missouri
- Source: KMOV-TV
- Report Date: October 1, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Scott Bourland, 31

Recruiter convicted of rape after suicide attempt

Army major convicted of raping a girl beginning when she was 6-years-old; after the girl had testified against him, he attempted suicide; trial continued and he was found guilty; the girl also testified that he had threatened to kill her mother

- Location: Vancouver, Washington
- Source: Spokesman Review
- Report Date: September 29, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Osadebe M. "Paul" Anene, 49

15 recruiters fired over sex protection rules

Indiana National Guard fired 15 recruiters for breaking rules created to protect young women from sexual abuse; top Guard official had investigated 36 sex-related complaints filed after high-profile recruiter arrest in February 2005, and admitted violations had been "swept under the rug"

- Location: Statewide in Indiana
- Source: Gannett New Service
- Report Date: September 17, 2007

Recruiters guilty of having sex with recruits

Two Air Force staff sergeants convicted of having sex with women seeking to enlist; both pleaded guilty to multiple sexual misconduct charges at courts-martial

- Location: Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Source: Air Force Times
- Report Date: August 30, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Brandon M. Donovan and Jonathon M. Fehl

Marine recruiter faces child porn charges

Marine staff sergeant recruiter charged with two felony counts of possessing and distributing child pornography and transmitting photographs of himself masturbating

- Location: Council Bluffs, Iowa
- Source: Marine Times
- Report Date: July 30, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Homer Cave, 31

Betrayal of Trust

National Guard recruiter sergeant accused of stalking, intimidating and impregnating 17-year-old whom he met at her high school gym class; state's child seduction laws for school employees does not include military recruiters at schools

- Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
- Source: WTHR-TV
- Report Date: July 10, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Terry Taylor, 27

AZ Guard applicants paid for test scores

Dozens of National Guard recruits enlisted under fraudulent circumstances; 70 applicants paid bribes to have test scores rigged; test proctor with felony criminal record was hired by Guard; she got \$1,500 in bribes over 18-month period; identities of those who were enlisted are claimed to be unknown

- Location: Tucson, Arizona
- Source: Arizona Daily Star
- Report Date: July 8, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Christine P. Thomas (test administrator)

Woman Says Marine Recruiter Nearly Tricked Son

Marine corps investigating parent's report; mother says recruiter tricked her into signing parental consent for enlistment of her 17-year-old son

- Location: Lincoln, Nebraska
- Source: KETV-TV
- Report Date: June 29, 2007

Army Recruiter Gets Jail for Sex Crime

Recruiting sergeant pleads guilty to offering to help a 16-year-old girl get into the Army in exchange for oral sex; sentenced to a year in jail, register as a sex offender, probation and fines

- Location: Bessemer, Michigan
- Source: Military.com
- Report Date: June 19, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Robert W. Scott, 30

Marine Corps to alter recruiting practices after alleged rapes

Marine Corps agrees to pay \$200,000 to two women; both claim that when they were 17-year-old high schoolers, recruiters raped them; recruiters, who were sergeants, were demoted and

discharged after court-martial but were acquitted of gravest charges; judge requires as part of settlement that “female supervisors must be present at any Marine-sanctioned slumber parties that include female recruits or applicants”

- Location: Ukiah, California
- Source: San Francisco Chronicle
- Report Date: June 8, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Joseph Dunzweiler and Brian Fukushima

Navy recruiter facing charges of sex assault

Recruiter charged with second-degree sexual offense and sexual battery for making unwanted physical contact with a woman he had recently recruited; according to arrest warrant, Davis rubbed his genitals against the victim to gain sexual arousal and gratification; after both a Naval investigation and police investigation, police determined there was probably cause that a crime had occurred and arrested the recruiter

- Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
- Source: Daily News
- Report Date: May 18, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Victor Vann Davis, 33

Probe sought over alleged recruiting lies

Federal legislator asks for investigation regarding Army recruiters reportedly encouraging applicants to lie to be accepted in military

- Location: Statewide in Tennessee
- Source: The Associated Press
- Report Date: May 11, 2007

Dishonorable Deceptions: Army Recruiters Caught on Hidden Camera

Hidden camera interviews show three separate recruiters at three separate stations encouraging lying concerning use of drugs for depression; reporter’s investigation began in response to a recruit who parents say he was encouraged by recruiters to lie about depression medication and, once enlisted, committed suicide

- Location: Tennessee
- Source: WTVF-TV5
- Report Date: May 7, 2007

Ex-Marine recruiter sentenced to jail

Former recruiter sentenced to one year in jail and three-years probation for single count of false imprisonment; two women, ages 17- and 18-years-old, brought seven others charges, including four counts of sexual assault, which were dismissed in a plea deal; at sentencing, recruiter described, “hardships he’s endured since being charged”

- Location: Manitowoc, Wisconsin

- Source: Manitowoc Herald Times
- Report Date: May 5, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Donny Rage, 30

Naked porn-surfing Army recruiter arrested

Army recruiter stripped naked, broke into a home and surfed Internet pornography sites on homeowners computer

- Location: Hackettstown, New Jersey
- Source: United Press International
- Report Date: April 24, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Jerry Mahaffey, 26

Former recruiter charged in molestation case

Man admits to state police that he twice molested a 6-year-old several years before while working as a Marine recruiter; he was then suspended from his current employment as a janitor at a school district

- Location: Litchfield, Connecticut
- Source: The Associated Press
- Report Date: April 19, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: John Van Allen, 38

Army Recruiter Investigated For Bigoted E-Mails

Recruiting sergeant writes email to gay Jersey City black man and tells him to "go back to Africa, do gay voodoo dance half-naked there...that's where you belong"

- Location: Jersey City, New Jersey
- Source: WCBS-TV
- Report Date: March 26, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Marcia Ramode

Guard recruit efforts flawed

Internal investigation details cutthroat culture to get enlistments in recruiting National Guard battalion which totaled 100 members; one officer was described as "a disaster waiting to happen;" recruiters were criticized as "hyper-competitive;" a top general stripped his senior recruiter of the command; 16 recruiters were disciplined for offenses, including misappropriating \$40,000 in funds, signing up ineligible soldiers, paying someone to stand-in for a failed recruit in an aptitude test, violating vehicle policies and filing false travel receipts

- Location: Statewide in Maryland
- Source: Baltimore Sun
- Report Date: March 16, 2007

Military Takes Case Of Recruiter Accused Of Rape

Army recruiting sergeant allegedly used date rape drug on just-signed enlistee, drove her home and raped her twice

- Location: Fort Morgan, Colorado
- Source: CBS 4
- Report Date: March 9, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s): Louis Chapa

Recruiter pleads to porn

Navy recruiter pleads guilty for having explicit films of children mailed to his recruiting office

- Location: Waterloo, Iowa
- Source: Cedar Valley Courier
- Report Date: February 27, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Brian Christopher Hoover, 31

Former Army recruiter gets probation

Former recruiter pleads no contest for having sex with 15-year-old high school girl at his home during school hours; originally charged with lewd or lascivious battery, his plea deal allowed sentence of two years probation; had received an honorable discharge four days before his sentence; his attorney immediately tries to get his probation amended so that he could move around freely

- Location: Punta Gorda, Florida
- Source: Sun-Herald.com
- Report Date: February 23, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Orlando Garay Cruz, 35

S.C. Recruiters Demoted Over Sex Scandal

In the equivalent of a plea deal, two recruiters demoted, fined two days' pay; still allowed to remain in National Guard; sergeant first class had affair with married mother who was high school cheerleading coach; she took two cheerleaders to meet guardsmen at a motel; second recruiter admitted he had sex with 16-year-old cheerleader; alcohol and cigarettes were provided to teens; one teen watched the coach and recruiter having sex; principal of school later arrested in alleged attempt to interfere in investigation by telling cheerleaders to not talk to investigators; no criminal charges can be filed against recruiters as state laws say children 16 and above can consent to sex

- Location: Ware Shoals, South Carolina
- Source: Fox News
- Report Date: February 9, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Thomas Fletcher, 29 and Jeremy Pileggi, 21

Army Recruiter accused of sex with teenage girl

Staff sergeant recruiter arrested and charged with unlawful sexual activity with 17-year-old girl whom he met when he went to her school for a recruiting presentation;

- Location: Pasco County, Florida
- Source: St. Petersburg Times
- Report Date: January 20, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Bruce Thomas Roberts, 29

Child Rapist Sentenced to Prison

Former Army recruiter sentenced to 17 years for abusing his 11-year-old stepdaughter and for child pornography

- Location: Wasilla, Alaska
- Source: KIMO-TV
- Report Date: January 6, 2007
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Timothy Jean, 43

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Tucson military recruiters ran cocaine

FBI sting operation on side-by-side recruiters' offices (one Army, one Marines) where, between them, seven recruiters were accepting bribes and transporting cocaine, all while still visiting high schools daily; helped by several more recruiters from National Guard office; after being filmed participating in illegal activities, some recruiters remained on the job for three years while the investigation continued

- Location: Tuscon, Arizona
- Source: Arizona Daily Star
- Report Date: December 17, 2006

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Despite running cocaine, three of the recruiters received honorable discharges; included ranks as follows: 6 Sergeant First Class, 1 Staff Sergeant, 3 Sergeant and 1 Corporal

- Location: Tuscon, Arizona
- Source: Arizona Daily Star
- Report Date: December 17, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Demian F. Castillo, 35, Raul F. Portillo, 34, Mark A. Fillman, 56, Darius W. Perry, 42, James M. Clear, 26, Jared A. Wright, 29, Sheldon L. Anderson, 27, Derreck J. Curry, 30, Ronricco M. Allen, 36, Rodney E. Mills, 40, and Jason E. Kitzmiller. 27

Hard Sell: Maryland National Guard's "Recruiter Of The Year" Talks People Into All Sorts of Things

Sergeant first class recruiter is scrutinized in the report for claims of: encouraging student to drop out of school, get a GED and enlist; lying to recruits; sexual relationship and impregnating a recruit; evading subpoena for paternity; falsifying recruitment documents and enlisting ineligible recruits; bribing a recruit; and assault of a fellow, female recruiter; had a previous conviction for assault, yet he continued in recruiting office and was promoted; co-workers state he faced no punishment because of top-recruiter status

- Location: Baltimore, Maryland
- Source: Baltimore City Paper
- Report Date: December 6, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s): Richard F. Thomas

Army Recruiters Accused of Misleading Students to Get Them to Enlist

Undercover investigation showed recruiters telling students lies, including that the war in Iraq was over or that they were unlikely to go Iraq or that someone who didn't like the Army could

just quit; mother of soldier who died in Iraq interviewed and said “They need to do anything they possibly can to get recruits” and that her son was told he would not see combat

- Location: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut
- Source: ABC News
- Report Date: November 3, 2006

Army recruiter arrested, molestation of pre-teen girl alleged

Sergeant accused of molesting 11-year-old relative (another report says it is his daughter)

- Location: El Paso, Texas
- Source: KVIA-TV
- Report Date: November 1, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Lionel Moreno, 35

Army recruiter admits to forgery

Army Recruiting Command admits sergeant first class recruiter forged father's signature for 17-year-old enlistee who had been recruited from a juvenile prison where he was sentenced for stealing a gun; report states “The Army says it’s more likely to waive the criminal records of juveniles.”

- Location: Ogden, Utah
- Source: The Deseret News
- Report Date: September 28, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s): Jason Stape

Rosenberg Detectives Bust Marine Recruiter On Child Sex Charges

Police arrested and charged sergeant recruiter with two counts of sexual assault of a child for allegedly having sex with 16-year-old high school student; school district then banned all military recruiters from its campuses

- Location: Rosenberg, Texas
- Source: Fort Bend Now
- Report Date: August 29, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Angel Eliseo Ramos, 27

Navy recruiter in St. Cloud fined for teen drinking

Navy recruiter pleaded guilty to furnishing alcohol to a 18-year-old recruit until she passed out at his apartment where other minors also were drinking; fine \$450, placed on two-year’s probation and reassigned to ship duty; originally charged with additional sexual assault charge;

- Location: St. Cloud, Minnesota
- Source: Star Tribune
- Report Date: August 20, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Kyle Van Nordlund, 30

Predators in uniform: Records show a rise in attacks on girls who show an interest in joining the service

More than 100 women raped or assaulted by recruiters in the past year; at least 35 recruiters, across all military branches, were disciplined in 2005 a significant increase over the past decade of disclosed cases; report states that “victims are typically 16- to 18-years old and that “military and civilian prosecutions are rare”

- Location: Nationwide
- Source: Kansas City Star
- Report Date: August 20, 2006

2 recruiters disciplined for signing autistic teen

Corporal recruiter concealed a recruit's moderate to severe autism, a disability which would have made him ineligible for service; a sergeant who assisted was also investigated; teen was enlisted in Army against the wishes of parents who unsuccessfully appealed to recruiters to review medical and school records; congressman had called for investigation and appealed the Secretary of Defense to release the teen from his enlistment

- Location: Portland, Oregon
- Source: The Oregonian
- Report Date: August 10, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s): Ronan Ansley and Alejandro Velasco

Army recruiter charged with official oppression

Sergeant recruiter charged with making sexual advances towards a 17-year-old female recruit; he was assigned to recruit at a Jobs Corp center; told recruit that he had to take her to “another office” for uniform measurements; drove the teen instead to his apartment where he made sexual advances

- Location: San Marcos, Texas
- Source: KVUE-TV
- Report Date: August 9, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Rickey Steinke, 30

Former Army recruiter gets 4-8 years for sex with girl

Civilian recruiter for the Army pleads guilty to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault and corruption of a minor sex with 14-year-old girl at mall recruiting office; despite his admission, the report also states that he isn't considered a sexually violent predator and won't have to comply with the lifetime registration requirements under Megan's law

- Location: Lebanon, Pennsylvania
- Source: The Patriot News
- Report Date: June 29, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Roy C. Troutman, 30

Air Force recruiter, coach arrested on charges of sexual misconduct with child

Lieutenant recruiter, who was also a substitute teacher, assistant school basketball coach and Cub Scout leader, arrested on 34 counts of taking indecent liberties with a child under the age of 12; police say he abused a female family member; recruiter confessed; both the school and the Cub Scouts stated for the report that the man had received criminal background checks; nothing was mentioned by Air Force recruiting commander that he had received any background check from the military, only "We take this possible breach of integrity very seriously."

- Location: Sylva, North Carolina
- Source: The Sylva Herald

- Report Date: June 15, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Joseph Edmond Germain, 32

Army to assess if Oregon recruiter lied

Recruiter sergeant is accused by AWOL soldier with lying when recruiter told him that the Army would supply him with psychiatric medication for anxiety and depression at basic training; soldier also said that recruiter told him to not disclose his medical history and stop taking medication beforehand before his physical exam

- Location: Salem, Oregon
- Source: The Seattle Times
- Report Date: May 29, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s): Renny Lutz

Army recruiter charged in online teen-sex sting

Recruiter tried to arrange sex with undercover police officer who posed as a 16-year-old girl; charged with felony count of indecent solicitation of a child

- Location: Woodstock, Illinois
- Source: Chicago Tribune
- Report Date: May 18, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Scott E. Cook, 23

Former Marines Sentenced for Smuggling Undocumented Aliens

Both men sentenced to federal prison after convictions; while active duty recruiters and dressed in uniform, they used government owned vehicle to smuggle three undocumented females from Laredo to San Antonio

- Location: Laredo, Texas
- Source: US Attorney's Office News Release
- Report Date: March 9, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Victor Domingo Ramirez, 27 and Vic Martine Martinez, 32

14 area Army recruiters face investigation

Recruiters suspended amidst allegations that they falsified documents at two recruiting stations

- Location: Oxnard and Santa Maria, California
- Source: Ventura County Star
- Report Date: March 4, 2006

Recruiter accused of having sex with teens

Military investigation concludes Army recruiting sergeant had inappropriate relationships with three teenage girls he met while working at high schools; two girls reported that he had seduced them after visiting their high school; mother of 16-year-old believes he should be court-martialed and sent to prison

- Location: Scioto County, Ohio
- Source: The Columbus Dispatch
- Report Date: February 28, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Joshua Castle, 25

Kingsport man accused of trying to buy bomb for use in murder

Senior recruiter at a Navy recruiting office arrested and charged; met with and paid an undercover ATF agent to build a bomb that he wanted for a murder

- Location: Bristol, Tennessee
- Source: Kingsport Times News
- Report Date: January 25, 2006
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Keith Patrick Conner, 38

2005

Marines: Looking for a Few Good Aliens?

Recruiter sergeant court-martialed for selling and delivering IDs to enlist undocumented aliens; also accused of housing recruits in his personal quarters and engaging recruits in sexual relationships; officially charged with fraudulent enlistment, conspiracy to commit fraud and dereliction of duty; possibly enlisted 23 recruit fraudulently

- Location: Perrine, Florida
- Source: The Village Voice
- Report Date: October 4, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Hubert A. Lucas, 35

Former Army recruiter will stand trial on charges of taking lewd photos of teen

Staff sergeant reportedly admits to Army investigators in a written statement that he took nude photographs of 17-year-old high school girl; charged with using minor in production of pornography and distributing materials depicting pornography involving a minor; had 40,000 pornographic images on his computer

- Location: Fallon, Nevada
- Source: Lahontan Valley News
- Report Date: September 24, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Richard Cory Asher, 35

Army demotes recruiter of teen

Sergeant first class admits he encouraged a high school student to create a fake diploma and use a drug detox kit to join Army; recruiter was demoted and had his pay cut; second recruiting sergeant took student to purchase a detox kit; second recruiter received reprimand

- Location: Golden, Colorado
- Source: Rocky Mountain News
- Report Date: August 31, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s): Eric Mulero and Tim Pickel

Local Marine Recruiter Accused of Child Porn Possession

Recruiter sergeant charged with eight felony counts of possession of child pornography

- Location: Wausau, Wisconsin
- Source: WSAW-TV
- Report Date: August 9, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Anthony Farisa, 30

Woman can't sue Army for sexual assault by recruiter

Appeals court finds that the facts in case “are largely undisputed;” in March 2001, recruiter sergeant claimed he wanted to help female recruit with practice tests for military entrance exam; repeatedly suggested they get together; instead, took her fishing, where he sexually assaulted her, masturbated in front of her, took her to men’s room stall where he tried to remove her clothing; she got away and he drove her home where he made yet another sexual advance; he then asked her not to tell anyone as he would risk losing his Army job; she did report him to his supervisor and to local law enforcement; deputy sheriff investigated and was specifically told by an Army employee that there had been a previous complaint of sexual assault against same recruiter; Army admitted they did not investigate previous complaint because they did not believe complainant; Army admitted recruiter had been trained multiple times on inappropriate contact with recruits and that he violated Army restrictions; eventually, he was court martialed and discharged; woman brought suit against the Army for negligence in “screening, training, and supervising” the recruiter, and for “allowing him access to vulnerable young females, failing to train him on inappropriate behavior, and allowing this assault to occur;” her suit failed and the appeals court dismissed her appeal “for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.”

- Location: McAlester, Oklahoma
- Source: US Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, No. 04-7089
- Report Date: August 4, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s): Kelvin Key

Gets 12 years

Former Navy recruiter was sentenced to 12 years in prison on charges of sexual battery; pled guilty to molesting three high school seniors; he had previously been convicted of sexual battery eleven years before when he was a juvenile

- Location: New Iberia, Louisiana
- Source: The Daily Iberian
- Report Date: July 22, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Joseph Sampy, Jr., 27

Hardball Recruiter Gets Promoted

After threatening a potential 20-year-old recruit with jail when he was no longer interested, and instead of discipline promised by Army, recruiter is promoted to supervise another recruiting office; his actions had contributed to a “stand-down” for recruiting offices nationwide; of 325 cases of recruiter fraud in the Army in 2004, only 35 recruiters relieved of duty; a former recruiter talks about recruiting stresses when he was demoted for not meeting quota of 24 soldiers per year and said, “I’m losing my house because I’m losing my job...I’m in financial debt

- Location: Houston, Texas
- Source: CBS News
- Report Date: July 14, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s): Thomas Kelt

Guard recruiter is suspended

Sergeant first class accused of multiple rapes in one night of a soldier whom he supervised; woman says she was raped six times in one night; she was transported by ambulance to hospital

- Location: Peru, Indiana
- Source: Indianapolis Star
- Report Date: June 21, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Robert M. Green, Jr., 39

Army recruiter in Gainesville is charged with rape

Staff sergeant accused of raping a 20-year-old woman who he convinced to come to his apartment for recruiting exam on computer; police learned he had brought other applicants to his home, a violation of Army policy

- Location: Gainesville, Florida
- Source: Naples Daily News
- Report Date: May 22, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: George O. Kirkman, 40

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Woman accuses Guard of recruitment deception

Woman, whose parents had to sign her enlistment contract (required of anyone under 18-years-old) claims she was deceived when National Guard recruiter told her she would go to nursing school immediately after basic training; instead, her unit has 90% chance of Iraq deployment after basic

- Location: Northampton, Pennsylvania
- Source: Air Force Times
- Report Date: May 20, 2005

Military Recruiters Lie About Dangers In Iraq

Local television station does extensive report; sends four young men with hidden cameras around to every recruiting office in their area; recruiters were caught on camera saying: “You have more chance dying here...than you do over there;” and that “There’s more death going on in Columbia, S.C...than there was in the whole time when I was in Iraq;” and in the “Dayton area alone, 1,500 people died in two weeks...[from] car wrecks;” that recruiter then equates the 1,5000 soldiers who had been killed in Iraq in three years to the death toll from car wrecks in Dayton and cites highway patrol for his “factual” information; when a high school senior says his parents are concerned about his safety in the military, recruiter says that even if parents don’t want to talk about it that recruiter and student “can still sit down and talk, all right?” and “Don’t hesitate. Don’t leave me hanging.”

- Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
- Source: WLWT-TV
- Report Date: May 18, 2005

Former Army recruit says his life was threatened

Recruit, aged 20, in the Delayed Entry Program, a non-binding agreement, was threatened with jail when he changed his mind about enlisting; Army recruiters said he would “go before a judge and get a sentence of 15 years but [the judge] had the option to double it” or “they were going to put me in front of seven other people with rifles and shoot me;” a second 20-year-old from the same area says Army recruiter also threatened him with arrest if he didn’t report to recruiting station

- Location: Lake Jackson, Texas
- Source: KHOU-TV
- Report Date: May 11, 2005

Army reps face sex trial suit: Two recruiters took minors home

Two recruiters ordered to stand trial on criminal charges of unlawful sex with two minors, both high school girls they had met on school recruiting visits; both recruiters plead not guilty and Army investigation had cleared them according to defense attorney; mother of one of the girls filed suit against the school, claims one recruiter signed girls out of school during class time, took them to other recruiter’s home for drinking and sex

- Location: Lancaster, California
- Source: Daily News
- Report Date: May 7, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Ramsey Robertson, 29, and Christopher Starks, 32

Army Recruiters Say They Feel Pressure to Bend Rules

Outlines cases where recruiters in southern Ohio enlisted a 21-year-old man who had just been released from a psychiatric ward; parents told recruiters multiple times that he had bipolar disorder, a diagnosis which should have disqualified him; despite Army investigation, recruiters were not punished, were still working the same area; in northern Ohio, recruiter admits he had hidden police records and medical histories of potential recruits and claimed his commanders encouraged this deception; when recruiters remain anonymous because of threat to their career, report found consistent accounts by recruiters nationwide of falsified and concealed documents, wallet-size, entrance test cheat sheets slipped to applicants, and commanders who looked the other way; recruiters also voiced doubts about the quality of some of the troops enlisted; recruiters from around the country agreed that as long as offending recruiter met his enlistment quota of roughly two recruits per month, punishment for offenses is unlikely; recruiter admitted that one in every three people he had enlisted had a problem that needed concealing or waiver

- Location: Ohio and Nationwide
- Source: The New York Times
- Report Date: May 3, 2005

Ex-Army Recruiter Pleads Guilty for Role in Credit-Card Fraud Case

Former recruiter pleaded guilty to fraudulently soliciting an individual to accept a fleet credit card without authorization for giving a recruiting office credit card to another man who then charged over \$13,000 fuel, beer, food and car parts; federal prosecutor says he will recommend a lighter sentence for the recruiter in a plea deal; sentence could be 10 years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000 or as light as probation

- Location: Florida
- Source: The Roanoke Times
- Report Date: April 19, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Zachary Dustin Taylor, 33

Army recruiter faces sex charge

Recruiter charged with criminal sexual contact; arrested and admitted to masturbating in front of a pair of girls, ages 15 and 13, as the girls passed his car; after they passed, recruiter started the government-owned vehicle, made a U-turn, then parked where the girls would have to walk by him again and was again seen masturbating

- Location: East Orange, New Jersey
- Source: The Record
- Report Date: February 10, 2005
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Antowan Underdue, 28

2004

Recruiter charged with sexual assault

National Guard recruiter sergeant charged with first-degree criminal conduct for allegedly sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl since she was 6-years-old

- Location: Moorhead, Minnesota
- Source: St. Paul Pioneer Press
- Report Date: December 25, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s): Forrest Birnel

Army official faces charges

After meeting two girls at their high school, recruiter sergeant arrested and charged with four felony counts of having sex with minors and one count of giving alcohol to minors; case had already been investigated by Army and found that recruiter had violated Uniform Code of Military Justice which stated “negative consequences occurred;” Army recommendation was that the recruiter “be discharged;” no jail time or other action from the Army was reported; additionally, because of length of service, of 6 years. 24-year-old recruiter allowed a hearing for administrative separation

- Location: Temecula, California
- Source: The Press-Enterprise
- Report Date: November 24, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Matthew Joseph Edward Green, 24

Air Force recruiter guilty in murder-for-hire plot

Former technical sergeant had been twice-named “Air Force Recruiter of the Year;” found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and solicitation to commit murder in a plot against a fellow recruiter; had tried to pay \$50,000 to the brother of one of his recruits for the job; investigation recorded the second recruiter’s wife admitting she wanted her husband dead; convicted recruiter socialized with recruits at bars and strip clubs

- Location: San Antonio, Texas
- Source: San Antonio Express-News
- Report Date: October 2, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Rodney Wells, 38

Recruiter pleads guilty to fraudulent enlistments

Navy recruiter pleads guilty to fraudulently enlisting recruits by altering physical exam results; two other recruiters were involved; they were charged with conspiracy, effecting a fraudulent enlistment, dereliction of duty and forgery; the trio allegedly altered records for 61 recruits to qualify those who would have been medically disqualified

- Location: Madison, Wisconsin
- Source: Navy Times

- Report Date: September 30, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Tony H. Radunz, 37, Stephen W. Binsack 36, and Ronald Pavlick, 34

Two recruiters will leave Navy rather than face court-martial

Two Naval Reserve recruiters allegedly altered physical examination results and left the Navy rather than face charges of fraudulent enlistment, violation of a lawful order, false official statement and forgery; third recruiter will face court-martial; investigation showed that the trio falsified medical data on physical exam forms of 35 recruits to qualify those who would have otherwise been ineligible for enlistment

- Location: Fort Dix, New Jersey
- Source: Navy Times
- Report Date: September 14, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Donald Lepak, 31, Kristen Winkelspecht, 28 and Charles C. Clark, 36

Navy Recruiter Charged with Identify Theft

Recruiter indicted by federal grand jury for charges of identity theft; Department of Justice said he used his position of trust as a recruiter to obtain legal documents of others to assume their identity; loss to victims totaled in excess of \$70,000

- Location: Jefferson County, Alabama
- Source: Federal Daily
- Report Date: October 1, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s): Michael Ansara Evans

Marine recruiter gets 5 years for raping teen

Staff sergeant recruiter convicted by a military jury for raping a 17-year-old high school student in the back room of recruiting office; also found guilty of indecent assault, adultery and disobeying orders; a week earlier, he had fondled another prospective recruit

- Location: Riverside, California
- Source: San Diego Union-Tribune
- Report Date: June 18, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: William C. Bragg, 33

Marine recruiter charged with rape of Blooming Grove girl, 16

Recruiter sergeant charged with six counts of statutory rape of 16-year-old student he recruited in high school; had recruited at 12 area high schools; also charged with 6 counts of endangering the welfare of a child

- Location: Wallkill, New York
- Source: Times-Herald Record
- Report Date: May 11, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Shedrick Hamilton, 34

Lawsuit alleges Army recruiter assaulted woman

Twenty-year-old Native American woman from a reservation files lawsuit against federal government claiming damages for failing to protect her against a sexual assault by an Army recruiter; woman's suit describes how recruiter told her and her father that he was taking her to Sioux Falls for evaluation, instead drove to remote area of the reservation and assaulted her; she said he told her "someone could disappear in that remote area;" she resisted him and he drove her to a relative; she reported him to both police and the Army; Army imposed nonjudicial punishment on recruiter; suit says a treaty between US. Government and Lakota tribe holds both the Army and the Interior Department liable for failure to protect the woman; her attorney said that other lawsuits will be filed because the recruiter molested other women at the reservation who were also potential recruits

- Location: Pierre, South Dakota
- Source: Times-Herald Record
- Report Date: May 11, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s): Joseph R. Kopf

2nd man to die in 2002 killing

Former Army recruiter sentenced to death for raping and killing one woman; during sentencing phase was also linked to a the rape and death six weeks prior of another woman, age 22; police reported that the gun used to kill both women found in the room recruiter shared with an Army recruit and that semen from both men had been found on victim; both men had been convicted and sentenced to death

- Location: Fort Worth, Texas
- Source: Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- Report Date: February 13, 2004
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Cleve W. Foster, 40

2003

Army recruiter had gun in luggage, officials say

Marina, California recruiter charged with misdemeanor weapons possession when an unlicensed, unloaded handgun was found in his luggage as he was leaving on a flight home

- Location: Syracuse, New York
- Source: The Post-Standard
- Report Date: December 8, 2003
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Joseph G. Schwener, Jr., 29

Ex-Army recruiter gets 16-months

Recruiter staff sergeant pled guilty to two counts of statutory rape and was sentenced to 16 months prison; had sex with 17-year-old girl, who was considering joining the Army, at recruiting office and in government vehicle; recruiter's attorney argued that probation alone would be enough punishment because the recruiter had suffered the loss of his military career; judge stated he was using recruiting position for "daily trolling and making every effort possible to get young women to be involved in sex with him as a by-product" of recruitment and "the degree of corruption is fairly shocking"

- Location: Moreno Valley, California
- Source: The Press-Enterprise
- Report Date: July 26, 2003
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Carlos Humberto Avalos, 32

Marine Recruiter Charged with Assaulting Md. Girl

Recruiter staff sergeant, who "was a fixture" at local high schools, including "attending proms, sporting events and graduation," charged with assault and a sex offense against 17-year-old girl in recruiting office; was not arrested but issued a summons to appear in court

- Location: Columbia, Maryland
- Source: Washington Post
- Report Date: June 5, 2003
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Shawn Potwin, 26

Air Force recruiter arrested

Recruiter staff sergeant arrested; charged with exposing himself to two 10-year-old girls as they walked to elementary school; police said he had previously exposed himself to one of the girls by herself as she walked to school; recruiter served at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, CA

- Location: Tucson, Arizona
- Source: The Arizona Daily Star
- Report Date: May 9, 2003
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Brenton Douglas Harke, 29

Recruiter pleads guilty to sex abuse

Army staff sergeant recruiter pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a child and child pornography for videotaping 13-year-old while she used his bathroom (later report says that sentencing judge discussed that he also fondled two teen-age girls)

- Location: Cumberland, Pennsylvania
- Source: The Patriot News
- Report Date: January 25, 2003
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Kenneth Curnette Jr., 37

2002

Army Recruiter Guilty in Identify Theft

Captain in charge of several recruiting offices pleaded guilty to one count of identity theft; used names and Social Security numbers of 4 potential recruits and 2 enlisted soldiers to obtain credit cards; charged nearly \$46,000 in debt using identity of one Army sergeant who had worked under him; obtained credit cards in names of others and charged lesser amounts

- Location: Arlington, Virginia
- Source: Washington Post
- Report Date: October 22, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Michael F. Kimble Sr., 34

Northern Idaho recruiter pleads guilty to sex charges

Army sergeant, who was in charge of recruiting office, pleaded guilty to one count each of sexual battery and lewd conduct for having sex with a 17-year-old relative and her 15-year-old friend; court documents stated that recruiter allegedly had sex with his 17-year-old relative for 6 months; 15-year-old wrote to a friend that she had been raped after being drunk

- Location: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Source: Army Times
- Report Date: July 31, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Eugene Melton, 32

Former Navy recruiter pleads no contest to molestation

Former Chief Petty Officer recruiter, with 20-year Navy career, pleads no contest to abducting two 6-year-old girls and attempting to molest them and to molesting a third girl repeatedly over a two-year period; police found child pornography in his vehicle

- Location: South Kingstown, Rhode Island
- Source: Navy Times
- Report Date: July 8, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Daniel Davidson, 42

Chicago recruiter to face court-martial next month

First of four Navy recruiters to be tried in a vast diploma-rigging scandal; recruiter charged with dereliction in performance of duties and soliciting a recruiter to enlist a recruit unlawfully; 52 recruiters assigned to same district were accused of falsification of credentials for more than 300 recruits; two named recruiters formally charged for courts martial and one was pending formal charges; 48 recruiters had chosen captain's mast rather than court martial

- Location: Great Lakes, Illinois
- Source: Air Force Times
- Report Date: June 24, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: William McClinton, 36, Steven Shultz, Leroy Coley and Eric Valentin

Recruiter arrested

Army captain arrested on charges of rape and second-degree sexual assault; accused of using his position of power to rape at least two women, ages 18 and 21

- Location: Fort Smith, Arkansas
- Source: Army Times
- Report Date: February 18, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: John Edward Bristow III, 41

Recruiter convicted in forgery case

Recruiting master sergeant found guilty at court martial of forgery and failure to obey an order; prosecutor said he masterminded conspiracy involving Indianapolis National Guard recruiters under his command; more than 100 soldiers enlisted using forged physical exams; received light sentence of 7 days in jail, reduced rank by one grade and forfeiture of \$1,000 pay

- Location: Indianapolis, Indiana
- Source: The Indianapolis Star
- Report Date: January 29, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Robert E. Wyse Jr., 44

Navy recruiter accused of sending cocaine to Jacksonville sailor

Dallas Navy Recruiter held in Duval County Florida jail on charges of conspiring to sell 97 pounds of cocaine, worth about \$1 million, to a Florida sailor

- Location: Dallas, Texas
- Source: Navy Times
- Report Date: January 21, 2002
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Unjel Harris, 35

2001

Army recruiter accused of allegedly harassing high school student

Staff sergeant recruiter arrested and charged with suspicion of indecent liberties and felony harassment; allegedly made sexual advances to an 18-year-old high school student and touched her in a government-owned vehicle; she told him to stop and pushed him away but the report says he persisted; later, he called her and threatened to kill her if she told anyone

- Location: Vancouver, WA
- Source: The Columbian
- Report Date: December 20, 2001
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Bradford Tom Guillet, 30

Teen cannot sue government for alleged rape by recruiter, court rules

Citing “the United States is not liable for the intentional torts [wrongful acts] of its employees” U.S. District court judge said a 17-year-old cannot sue the federal government; suit claimed she was raped by Army recruiter who had taken her to a bar, purchased alcohol for her until she was drunk and unconscious, then took her to a motel and raped her; recruiter had a prior indictment for sexual assault

- Location: Charleston, West Virginia
- Source: Air Force Times
- Report Date: May 14, 2001
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Mark A. Clifford, 39

Recruiter accused in fatal accident

Recruiter sergeant charged with vehicular manslaughter, felony hit-and-run and felony driving under the influence; police say he killed a pedestrian then fled the scene and abandoned the vehicle

- Location: Merced, California
- Source: The Modesto Bee
- Report Date: March 20, 2001
- Named Recruiter(s), age: Scott Eugene Knight, 22

Airman earns jail time for inappropriate relationships

Air Force staff sergeant recruiter court-martialed and sentenced to eight months confinement, forfeiture of pay, demotion to airman basic, and bad conduct discharge for inappropriate sexual relationships with two female applicants; Air Force Office of Special Investigations had uncovered “trail of evidence implicating Christman-McCarty”

- Location: North Syracuse, New York
- Source: Federal Document Clearing House, Inc.
- Report Date: January 19, 2001
- Named Recruiter(s): Randall D. Christman-McCarty

Army checking tale of recruiter and 3 runaways

Army staff sergeant recruiter being investigated after 15-year-old, who had been missing for a week, was found in his quarters by military police; two other teens, ages 15 and 17 had also been there; girls were considered runaways; allegedly all had watched pornographic movies; two of the girls were later found returning to the base

- Location: Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
- Source: Philadelphia Inquirer
- Report Date: January 12, 2001
- Named Recruiter(s): Phillip Richard