

**The following reports the results of Special and General Courts-Martial tried and completed within the United States Navy in October 2015. The cases are listed by the Navy Region in which they were tried.**

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., CTN2 Brian Christopher, USN was tried for sexual assault, indecent visual recording, and assault consummated by a battery. On 23 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to all charges and sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 1 year.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-6 was tried for rape of a child and indecent liberty with a child. On 8 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial sentencing rehearing in Great Lakes, Illinois held on 9 October 2015 for possession of child pornography, the military judge sentenced FC2 Shane A. Nichlos, USN to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 75 days.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, AOAA Dequan R. Walker, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual assault. On 26 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 40 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 13 months will be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, AOC Christopher J. Dorminey, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual abuse of a child and sexual assault of a child. On 28 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 30 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 24 months will be suspended and forfeitures will be waived in

favor of his dependents. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, FR Jonathan Golden, USN was tried for sexual assault and pled guilty to unauthorized absence, wrongful use of marijuana, larceny, restriction breaking, and wrongfully obtaining services. On 7 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty to sexual assault and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and confinement for 3 years.
- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, BM2 Nathaniel Bracewell, USN was tried for abusive sexual contacts. On 21 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to three abusive sexual contacts and not guilty to one abusive sexual contact and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, AEAN Anthony Chacon, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to negligent destruction of military property and drunken operation of a vehicle. On 2 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 2 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-2, and restriction for 60 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, MTCS Ronald Thomas, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to making a false official statement and wrongfully giving a false or unauthorized pass. On 16 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$3,000 per month for 6 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-7, and a fine of \$2,242.59. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, HN Cody L. Bannister, USN was tried for violating a lawful general order, abusive sexual contacts, and assault consummated by a battery. On 28 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to all charges and sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and restriction for 45 days.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, LCDR John T. Spannuth, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement for disrespectful behavior toward a superior commissioned officer, failure to obey a lawful order, harassment, and adultery. On 14 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 161 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AN Rodney A. Williams, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault and communicating a threat. On 6 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and confinement greater than 60 days are to be suspended. The suspended portions of the sentence may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AT1 Justin D. Sprinkle, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to making a false official statement. On 13 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 60 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, SA Deven J. Robrahn, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to absence without leave and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 20 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 43 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, CS3 Isiah A. Williams, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to larceny. On 21 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 90 days is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ABFCS Edward Sandi, USN pled guilty to failure to obey a lawful order and assault consummated by battery. On 28 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-5, and confinement for 60 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge is to be disapproved and confinement greater than 45 days is to be suspended. If the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement prior to the convening authority's action, then the punitive discharge

may be approved. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement regardless of when such violation occurs.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-4 was tried for sexual assault and abusive sexual contact. On 5 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, EM3 Jeffrey M. Morales, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to unauthorized absence and missing movement. On 8 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$500.00 per month for 3 months, a reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 90 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than time served (45 days) is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, AZ1 Dyshara J. Romerosanchez, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violation of a lawful general regulation, false official statement, and wrongful use of a methamphetamine. On 14 October 2015, the military judge sentenced her to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,031.00 per month for 5 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 5 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be suspended until the administrative separation process is completed. Confinement greater than 31 days will be suspended. The suspended portions of the sentence may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, SO1 Jeremy T. Roller, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and larceny. On 15 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-4, and confinement for 90 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be suspended until the administrative separation process is completed. The suspended sentence may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Japan**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, LSSN Salih E. Falke, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to desertion. On 14 October 2015, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,031.00 per month for 7 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, a fine of \$120.00, and confinement for 7 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the fine will be mitigated to forfeitures and confinement greater than 3 months is to be suspended. The fine may not be remitted and the suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bahrain, an E-5 was tried for sexual assault. On 7 October 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.