

UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Before
POND, MORRIS, and JUETTEN
Appellate Military Judges

UNITED STATES, Appellee
v.
Specialist JONAS C. SANTAELLA
United States Army, Appellant

ARMY 20230540

James A. Barkei and Alyssa S. Adams, Military Judges

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Appellate Defense Counsel: Major Andrew M. Hopkins, JA.
Appellate Government Counsel: Captain Andrew T. Bobowski, JA.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing in this case before the United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals, has been set for 1400 (CT) on Thursday, 29 January 2026 at the Hunt Courtroom, Texas Tech University School of Law, 3311 18th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79409. Argument will be heard on the following issues:

I.

WHETHER APPELLANT'S CONVICTIONS ARE FACTUALLY SUFFICIENT WHERE THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT MEET ITS BURDEN TO DISPROVE VOLUNTARY ABANDONMENT ONCE APPELLANT STARTED HIS VEHICLE TO LEAVE AND APOLOGIZED FOR WASTING EVERYONE'S TIME BY NOT GOING THROUGH WITH THE SEX ACTS.

II.

WHETHER THE MILITARY JUDGE ERRED BY ALLOWING IN SPECULATIVE LAY OPINION TESTIMONY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT PROVIDED THE EVIDENCE THE GOVERNMENT

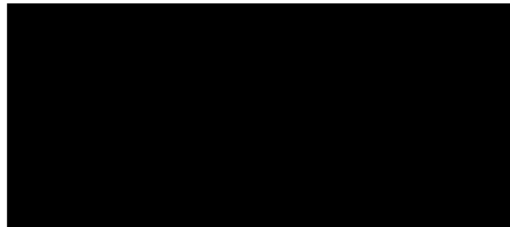
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NEEDED TO PROVE APPELLANT'S INTENT AND
PERCEPTION.

The parties shall file three copies of the Joint Appendix by 7 January 2026.

Panel Composition: Senior Judge POND, Senior Judge MORRIS, and Judge
JUETTEN.

Date: 5 December 2025



TIFFANY D. POND
Colonel, JA
Senior Judge

CF: Chief, DAD
Chief, GAD
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