

UNITED STATES ARMY COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Before
WALKER, POND, and PARKER
Appellate Military Judges

UNITED STATES, Appellee
v.
Specialist AARON J. CHAMPION
United States Army, Appellant

ARMY 20230450

Headquarters, U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill
Jacqueline L. Emanuel, Military Judge
Colonel Kristian W. Murray, Staff Judge Advocate

For Appellant: Major Robert W. Rodriguez, JA; Captain Robert W. Duffie, JA.

For Appellee: Lieutenant Colonel Kalin P. Schlueter, JA.

19 July 2024

DECISION

Per Curiam:

On consideration of the entire record, including consideration of the issues personally specified by the appellant, we hold the findings of guilty and the sentence, as entered in the Judgment, correct in law and fact. Accordingly, those findings of guilty and the sentence are AFFIRMED.^{1 2}

FOR THE COURT:



JAMES W. HERRING, JR.
Clerk of Court

¹ The Findings Worksheet of the Statement of Trial Results, as incorporated into the Judgment of the Court, is amended to reflect "10 September 2021" instead of "10 September, 21" in the language of the "Specification" block for Specification 4 of

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the Charge.

² Appellant argues in his filing (by footnote) that the language “to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces” should be stricken from Specification 4 of The Charge based on the evidence presented at appellant’s guilty plea that failed to support the contention that appellant’s conduct had such an effect. We agree. Pursuant to *United States v. English*, 79 M.J. 116, 120 (C.A.A.F. 2019), this court may narrow the scope of appellant’s convictions to conduct we deem factually and legally sufficient. We therefore affirm only so much of the guilty finding of Specification 4 of the Charge as follows:

In that [appellant], U.S. Army, did, at or near Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on or about 10 September 2021, knowingly and wrongfully possess child pornography, to wit: nine or more videos of a minor, or what appears to be a minor, and nine or more images of a minor, or what appears to be a minor, engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and that said conduct was of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.