

Barracks Picture Taking

Topic: Online Misconduct/Sexual Assault

Situation: Taking and Posting Inappropriate Pictures Online

PFC Ross and PFC Hoffman return to their barracks around 0200 hrs on a Sunday morning after a heavy night of drinking. As they are walking to their room, they notice another Soldier, PV2 Tabor, passed out on a bunk from a heavy night of drinking. PFC Ross tells PFC Hoffman to watch what they do to PV2 Tabor. PFC Ross drops pants and underwear, then squats above PV2 Tabor's face ensuring that genitals end up near PV2 Tabor's open mouth. PFC Ross asks PFC Hoffman to take pictures so that they can post them online. After taking a dozen or so pictures they go to their room and post them online before they both pass out.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you notice was happening in this vignette?
2. What is your reaction to what is happening here?
3. If confronted with a similar situation, what would you do?
4. What Army values have been violated and how could you use the Army Values to address/intervene in this situation?

Solution: This vignette demonstrates online misconduct and sexual assault. PFC Hoffman should have intervened to stop PFC Ross. PFC Hoffman could have directly intervened, sought help from someone else, or called for assistance. Instead, PFC Hoffman actively participated and committed sexual assault, too. Anyone who becomes aware of this misconduct should notify CID and the commander.