USAREC Vignette 2 – Don't Touch Me!

Topic: Sexual assault

Recruiter (SSG Astudillo) peeks head into the Station Commander's (SFC Wilmore) office door and asks to chat for a minute. The following conversation takes place:

SFC Wilmore: "What's going on SSG Astudillo?"

SSG Astudillo: "Every week, going on three months now, during the Monday morning huddle, SSG Medina makes a point of sitting right next to me. It didn't bother me at first, but for the last couple of months when he gets up he brushes up against my butt. He always says, "Excuse me or Pardon me", so at first I thought maybe he was just clumsy or had vision problems. But now it is escalating. Last week AND this morning he brushed up against my chest!"

SFC Wilmore: "I can understand why you would find this so upsetting. What would you like to do about it?"

Instructor/Facilitator:

ASK: *What offense may have been committed here?*

Answer: After the discussion, the correct answer is Sexual Assault. If there is evidence of intent, the conduct could be Abusive Sexual Contact.

ASK: Is the Station Commander obligated to do anything?

Answer: Yes, leaders are obligated to report all disclosures of sexual assault to CID and the SARC.