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Pentagon battling military rape "epidemic"

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(CBS News) NEW YORK - Jennifer Norris has always described herself as a good soldier, a hard worker, and someone who stayed out of trouble.

At 24, the Bethel, Maine, native was looking for a bit more structure in her life while aiming for a graduate degree, so she went to her local military recruiting office and enlisted in the Air Force.

Her dream of serving her country was marred by countless incidents of sexual harassment, three attempted sexual assaults, and one rape.

Prostitutes are by no means the only victims of rapes committed by cops and other government agents. Rapes in the military are escalating - or else more rape victims are willing to come forward and report being raped.

Like their sex worker counterparts, the military personnel who rape them seldom are punished.

What to do when an Army Sergeant trained to protect victims of sexual assault in the military is himself charged with sexual assault? Like the Swedish Prosecutor in charge of prosecuting cases of men who hire prostitutes who gets arrested for hiring a prostitute...

May 15, 2013 (CNN) For the second time this month, a U.S. service member who worked in a military sexual assault prevention program has been accused of a sexual crime.

In the latest incident, an Army sergeant first class assigned to such a program at Fort Hood, Texas, is being investigated for alleged sexual assault, pandering, abusive sexual contact and maltreatment of subordinates. Charges had not been filed as of Wednesday morning.

A Defense Department official says "initial indications" show that at least one person may have been forced into prostitution activity, but the matter remains under investigation no conclusions have been drawn yet...

In February, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski was placed in charge of a branch of the Air Force's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, and he oversaw a five-person office, an Air Force official told CNN after the incident. The official declined to be named, citing the ongoing law enforcement case. [Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski, 41, was arrested on May 5, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington, accused of grabbing a woman's breasts and buttocks, Arlington County police said.]

Shortly after Krusinski's arrest, military officials appeared before a congressional panel for an already scheduled hearing on sexual assault in the military. Welsh described Krusinski when he was asked what made him qualified to work in the sex assault prevention program.

Krusinski, 41, is a 1994 graduate of the Air Force Academy who served tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the hearing, lawmakers brought up yet another case that has made headlines involving sexual assault. Lt. Col. James Wilkerson III was found guilty last year by a jury of Air Force officers of sexually assaulting a woman at his home outside Aviano Air Base in Italy.

“Prostitution is like rape...”

Rape and women in the military

May 7, 2013 The Defense Department released figures on Tuesday that indicated that the number of military members who experienced a sexual assault increased from 19,300 in 2010 to 26,000 in 2012. The figure was extrapolated from a 24% response rate to 108,000 surveys.

Military Sexual Abuse: A Greater Menace Than Combat

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["A woman who signs up to protect her country is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire,"](#)

Rape in the US military: America's dirty little secret

December 9, 2011 A female soldier in Iraq is more likely to be attacked by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire

SHARP sgt. accused of promoting prostitution

May 15, 2013

Army Criminal Investigation Command is investigating a sergeant first class in Fort Hood, Tex., for “abusive sexual contact, assault” and other alleged misconduct, according to the Army.

The sergeant — **who hasn't been named** — is facing allegations involving three women, including that he may have arranged for one of them to have sex for money, the Associated Press is reporting, citing an unnamed defense official.

Fort Hood Soldier Accused of Paying for Sex

MBALDOR Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas **June 12, 2013** (AP)

Authorities on Wednesday charged a Fort Hood sergeant with paying for sex with a soldier in a prostitution scheme allegedly arranged by a low-level coordinator of the Texas Army post's sexual assault prevention program...

In Texas, **Master Sgt. Brad Grimes was charged in military court Wednesday with patronizing a prostitute**, conspiring with another soldier to patronize a prostitute, committing adultery and solicitation to commit adultery, according to Fort Hood officials. The woman soldier allegedly involved in the prostitution has not been charged.

To protect women from being raped or sexually assaulted in the military, should we prohibit females from becoming soldiers? It clearly is a dangerous situation and women who go into the military *regardless* of the danger ought to recognize that they are placing themselves at risk... can they claim to be victims of rape if they *knowingly* enter a risky profession where rapes and sexual assaults occur on a regular basis?

Or perhaps we should arrest women who go into the military and have a consensual sexual relationship with one of their fellow soldiers, and then force them to testify against the soldier with whom they had an intimate relationship because they may have been coerced into that relationship, given the number of rapes and sexual assaults that occur within the co-ed environment of the military... right?

That’s the ‘solution’ offered up to solve the problem of rapes of sex workers...

Is female soldiering... *like rape*?