



INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | DoD OIG

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Substantiated Findings of Military Whistleblower Reprisal and Restriction against a Member of the Army National Guard

The DoD Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) initiated these investigations upon receipt of allegations that an Army National Guard (ARNG) major reprised against an ARNG second lieutenant for making protected communications and that a separate ARNG major attempted to restrict the second lieutenant from lawfully communicating with an Inspector General.

The DoD OIG concluded that the major threatened to remove the second lieutenant from his battalion position in reprisal for the second lieutenant making protected communications to his chain of command and the DoD Hotline. Additionally, the DoD OIG concluded that the other major restricted the second lieutenant when the major issued a written counseling instructing the second lieutenant to address any and all issues with the major before reporting to any outside agencies, after the second lieutenant filed a DoD Hotline complaint.

The DoD OIG completed its investigations and provided the final reports to the Secretary of the Army for appropriate action. Corrective action is pending.



These investigations were conducted under the authority of the Military Whistleblower Protection Act, section 1034, title 10, United States Code.