

Marine Corps General and Special Court-Martial Dispositions
July 2024

10 Total Cases

4 general courts-martial (1 contested; 1 acquittal)

6 special courts-martial (0 contested; 0 acquittals)

0 Art. 16(c)(2)(A) special courts martial (0 contested; 0 acquittals)

Date/No.	Unit	Description
1 Jul 24 1	2d MAW	At a general court-martial at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, a military judge convicted Master Gunnery Sergeant W. B. Ellington, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of two specifications of rape of a child who has not attained the age of 12 years. The military judge sentenced the accused to nine years of confinement, total forfeitures, a reduction to E-1, and a dishonorable discharge.
9 Jul 24 2	1st MAW	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, a military judge convicted Lance Corporal E. T. May, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of use of a Schedule I controlled substance and distribution of a controlled substance. The military judge sentenced the accused to five months of confinement, forfeitures of \$1,344.00 per month for five months, a reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
12 Jul 24 3	3d Intel Bn, III MIG	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, a military judge convicted Private First Class C. E. Gorham, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of sexual harassment and a violation of a lawful general order. The military judge sentenced the accused to 45 days of confinement, forfeitures of \$1,344.00 per month for two months, a reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
16 Jul 24 4	SOI-E, TRNG CMD	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, a military judge convicted Gunnery Sergeant J. D. Dahme, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of larceny, selling military property, and a false official statement. The military judge sentenced the accused to a reduction to E-6. The accused also agreed to provide restitution for \$10,000.
18 Jul 24 5	1st MAW	At a general court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, a military judge convicted Private M. M. Pacella, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of possession of child pornography. The military judge sentenced the accused to 14 months of confinement, total forfeitures, a reduction to E-1, and a dishonorable discharge.
19 Jul 24 6	1st MARDIV	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, a military judge convicted Lance Corporal F. M. Gourgue, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of a false official statement. The military judge sentenced the accused to 60 days of confinement, a reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.

25 Jul 24 7	2d MARDIV	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, a military judge convicted Private First Class K. N. Tilley, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of breaking restriction, use of a controlled substance, and distribution of a controlled substance. The military judge sentenced the accused to seven months of confinement, reduction to E-1, and a bad conduct discharge.
26 Jul 24 8	4th MAW	At a general court-martial at Marine Corps Forces Reserve, New Orleans, Louisiana, a panel of members acquitted a Marine of all charges and specifications.
29 Jul 24 9	MCAS New River	At a general court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, a military judge convicted Cpl E. N. Shepherd, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of distribution of child pornography. The military judge sentenced the accused to 20 months of confinement, total forfeitures, a reduction to E-1, and a dishonorable discharge.
31 Jul 24 10	1st MARDIV	At a special court-martial at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, a military judge convicted Lance Corporal L. A. Ruiz, pursuant to the accused's pleas, of obstructing justice. The military judge sentenced the accused to 60 days of confinement and a reduction to E-1.