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SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Definition of Sexual Assault (JTF-SAPR-006)

This directive-type memorandum establishes the DoD definition for *sexual assault* and *other sex-related offenses* as required by Section 577 (3) of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization act for Fiscal Year 2005, P. L. 108-375, October 28, 2004. The use of the below definitions is for training and educational purposes only. The following apply:

Sexual assault is a crime. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

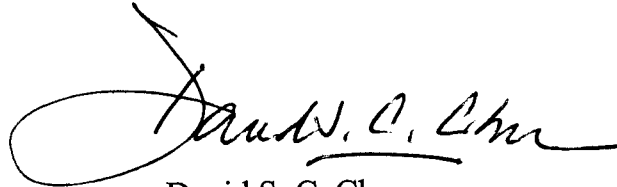
“Consent” shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Other sex-related offenses are defined as all other sexual acts or acts in violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that do not meet the above definition of sexual assault, or the definition of sexual harassment as promulgated in DoD Directive 1350.2, *Department of Defense Military Equal Opportunity*, para E2.1.15. Examples of other sex-related offenses could include indecent acts with another and adultery.



All Military Services will use the above definitions in all training and education programs. Submit a copy of the implementing guidance of these definitions not later than 1 February 2005. POC for this action is Brigadier General K.C. McClain, Commander, Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

This guidance establishes DoD policy on sexual assault matters. This memorandum is effective immediately. This and other sexual assault policies will be consolidated into a DoD issuance within 180 days.

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David S. C. Chu