



MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

MST BOARD RESEARCH SUMMARY

Case-specific marker language detected in published Board decision text.

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25,748

DECISIONS SCANNED

30.2%

WITH ONE OR MORE DETECTED MARKERS

20.1%

MST DECISIONS MENTIONING EQUIPOISE

15.2%

BROADER CORPUS COMPARISON

THE SIX MOST FREQUENTLY DETECTED CATEGORIES

CASE-SPECIFIC MARKER LANGUAGE

1

Substance abuse beginning after the claimed assault

4,357 decisions, or 16.9 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

2

Law enforcement, rape crisis, or counseling-center records

1,376 decisions, or 5.3 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

3

Behavior changes after the claimed assault (isolation, withdrawal)

1,230 decisions, or 4.8 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

4

STD or pregnancy testing in service records

1,113 decisions, or 4.3 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

5

Deterioration in work performance

701 decisions, or 2.7 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

6

Request for transfer or change of duty assignment

690 decisions, or 2.7 percent of the scanned MST dataset.

The equipoise comparison is a text-occurrence measure, not an outcome rate. Marker categories are encyclopedic and overlapping. Absence from this detector does not mean a decision lacked relevant evidence.

