

Case Summary
Office of the Judge Advocate General

DEFENDANT: FLTLT Collis
TYPE OF PROCEEDING: Defence Force Magistrate
DATE OF TRIAL: 16 April 2026
VENUE: RAAF Base Edinburgh, SA

Charges and plea

	Statement of Offence	Plea
Charge 1	DFDA, s. 60(1) Prejudicial conduct	Guilty

Pre-Trial: Closed hearing and non-publication orders

Application made:	No
Determination:	Not applicable

Trial: Facts and legal principles

Nil, as the case proceeded by way of a guilty plea.

Findings

	Finding
Charge 1	Guilty

Sentencing: Facts and legal principles

On 03 April 2025, the complainant and a friend attended a wine tasting event. During the event, the complainant and friend socialised with others, including the defendant. At some point during the evening, the complainant and her friend invited the defendant to join them for dinner. The three members retired to the defendant's room on base, ate dinner together and continued drinking. At about 2230, all three moved to another room. Shortly after arriving the complainant had a shower before getting into bed. The defendant got into bed next to the complainant while the complainant's friend had a shower. After showering, the friend then laid down next to the defendant so that he was now in between the two of them. Both made clear that they were going to sleep. At about 0130 the complainant woke to the bed shaking. The defendant admitted to the complainant that he was engaging in an intimate personal act and apologised.

The Prosecuting Officer submitted that the appropriate sentencing disposition was a conviction without punishment on the undertaking to be of good behaviour for 12 months. The Defending Officer did not cavil with this.

In her plea in mitigation of punishment, the Defending Officer concentrated her submissions on the Defendant's attempt to plead guilty to the charge before a Commanding Officer some six months earlier, genuine remorse and embarrassment, relatively young age, otherwise good character, outstanding workplace performance and the fact that he came before the Tribunal as a first time offender.

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Consequently, the DFM held that the minimum punishment necessary to satisfy the sentencing principles of personal and general deterrence as well as the maintenance of good order and discipline in the ADF was to convict the defendant without punishment and have him undertake to be of good behaviour for the next 12 months.

Punishments and orders

Charge 1	Conviction without punishment, with undertaking of good behaviour for a period of 12 months.
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Outcome on automatic review

The Reviewing Authority's decision on automatic review was handed down on 05 May 2026.

	Conviction	Punishments / Orders
Charge 1	Upheld	Upheld

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