

Case Summary
Office of the Judge Advocate General

DEFENDANT: PTE Ehsani
TYPE OF PROCEEDING: Restricted Court Martial
DATE OF TRIAL: 13 April 2026
VENUE: RAAF Base Edinburgh, SA

Charges and plea

	Statement of Offence	Plea
Charge 1	DFDA, paragraph 33(c) Engaging in obscene conduct on service land	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 the evening of 06 Mar 25, the defendant, complainant and two others were engaged in horseplay that lasted a short time before they all retired to their beds. Approximately 30 minutes later, the defendant came into the complainant's room and was told to leave by another member. The complainant was lying on his bed facing the wall. The defendant then said 'turn the lights on'. When a light illuminated the room, the defendant was standing with his penis in his hand, waving it around, approximately one metre from the complainant. The complainant immediately got out of bed, hit the defendant then made a complaint to the Duty Non-Commissioned Officer.

In light of the objectively serious nature of the offending conduct, the Prosecuting Officer submitted that the appropriate sentencing disposition was dismissal.

In his plea in mitigation of punishment, the Defending Officer concentrated his submissions on the utilitarian value of the plea of guilty, relatively young age, very brief time in service and the fact that he came before the Court Martial as a first time offender.

As this was a Court Martial, the panel was not required to give reasons for the penalty imposed.

Punishments and orders

Charge 1	Detention for 14 days (14 days suspended);
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	Fined the sum of \$4,642.40, payable in 20 fortnightly instalments of \$232.12; and Severe reprimand.
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Outcome on automatic review

The Reviewing Authority's decision on automatic review was handed down on 6 May 2026.

	Conviction	Punishments / Orders
Charge 1	Upheld	Upheld

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