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United States government preferred charges against retired Maj. Gen. James Grazioplene

WASHINGTON – Friday, the U.S. Army preferred charges against retired Maj. Gen. James Grazioplene for a violation of Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), for the crime of rape.

Grazioplene is charged with six specifications of rape of a minor on multiple occasions between 1983 and 1989. The criminal investigation remains open. Preferral of charges represents an accusation only; Grazioplene is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Grazioplene, of Gainesville, Virginia, entered the Army in March 1972 as an Armor Officer. Prior to his retirement in January 2005, he was assigned to the Pentagon as the Director, Force Development, Joint Warfighting Capabilities Assessment.

The U.S. Army is committed to ensuring all Soldiers live up to the Army Values and adhere to the UCMJ and standards of conduct.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: As a retiree, in accordance with UMCJ, Article 2, retired Maj. Gen. Grazioplene is subject to the UCMJ for the alleged offense. There is no current plan for the U.S. Army to recall him to active-duty during the course of the legal proceedings. Grazioplene will remain in a retired status.

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