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General court-martial convening authority refers charges against retired Maj. Gen. James Grazioplene

WASHINGTON – Tuesday, retired Maj. Gen. James Grazioplene was notified in person that the general court-martial convening authority for the U.S. Army Military District of Washington – National Capital Region, referred six specifications accusing him of violating Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice, to a general court-martial, in accordance with the Rules for Courts-Martial.

The specifications allege the rape of a minor on multiple occasions between 1983 and 1989.

The U.S. Army Trial Judiciary will assign a military judge to the case, and that military judge will set the date for Grazioplene's arraignment, trial, and any other necessary hearings.

If convicted, Grazioplene faces a maximum punishment of dismissal from the service; total forfeiture of all pay and allowances; and confinement for life.

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. Grazioplene is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

- On April 14, the commander, U.S. Army Headquarters Command Battalion, preferred six specifications of Article 120, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for the alleged rape of a minor occurring on multiple occasions between 1983 and 1989.
- A preliminary hearing officer reviewed the evidence and received testimony on August 26 during a hearing at Fort Meade, Maryland.
- As a retiree, in accordance with UCMJ, 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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