

CERTIFIED RECORD OF TRIAL

(and accompanying papers)

of

Champagne

Christopher

M.

GYSGT/E-7

(Last Name)

(First Name)

MI

(DoD ID No.)

(Rank)

8MCD, WRR, MCRC

U.S. Marine Corps

Fort Worth, Texas

(Unit/Command Name)

(Branch of Service)

(Location)

By

General Court-Martial (GCM)

COURT-MARTIAL

(GCM, SPCM, or SCM)

Convened by

Commanding General

(Title of Convening Authority)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Western Recruiting Region

(Unit/Command of Convening Authority)

Tried at

MCRD, San Diego and MCAS Miramar, San Diego, California

On

26 - 27 September 2024

(Place or Places of Trial)

(Date or Dates of Trial)

Companion and other cases

None

(Rank, Name, DOD ID No., (if applicable), or enter "None")

CONVENING ORDER



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT WESTERN RECRUITING REGION
1600 HENDERSON AVENUE, SUITE 238
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92140-5001

IN REPLY REFER TO
5000-82
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AUG 04 2023

GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING ORDER 1-23

Pursuant to the authority contained in R.C.M. 504(b)(1) and JAGMAN section 0120a, a General Court-Martial is hereby convened to hear all those cases properly referred to it, with the following members:

MEMBERS

Colonel [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Colonel [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Major [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Major [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Captain [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
First Lieutenant [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
First Lieutenant [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Second Lieutenant [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 4 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 3 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 3 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 2 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 2 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps;
Chief Warrant Officer 2 [REDACTED] U.S. Marine Corps.

[REDACTED]
J. A. RYAN II
Brigadier General
U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding General

CHARGE SHEET

CHARGE SHEET

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.		2. EDIP: [REDACTED]	3. RANK/RATE GySgt	4. PAY GRADE E-7
5. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION 8th Marine Corps District Western Recruiting Region Marine Corps Recruiting Command			6. CURRENT SERVICE a. INITIAL DATE 8 Nov 17	
			b. TERM 4 yrs	
7. PAY PER MONTH		8. NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED None		9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A
a. BASIC \$5,379.30	b. SEA/FOREIGN DUTY None	c. TOTAL \$5,379.30		

II. CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS

10. CHARGE I: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ART. 92

Specification 1: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 1 September 2022 to on or about 16 November 2022, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4C, dated 3 November 2016, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, or engaging in sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- using internet-based capabilities and social media platforms, and cellular phone applications to communicate with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED] in an unprofessional or personal manner that is not directly related to recruiting matters;
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Specification 2: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 17 November 2022 to on or about 15 July 2023, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- using internet-based capabilities, telephones, or social media platforms, cellular phone applications, user-generated content, social software, e-mail, instant messaging, and discussion forums to communicate with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

(SEE SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGE SHEET)

III. PREFERRAL

11a. NAME OF ACCUSER (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]	b. GRADE E-3	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER HqHqRon, MCAS Miramar, California
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER [REDACTED]		e. DATE 22 May 2024

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above-named accuser this 22nd day of May 2024, and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that he is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that he either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

H. S. CHAPARIAN
Typed Name of Officer

HqHqRon, MCAS Miramar
Organization of Officer

CAPTAIN, USMC

TRIAL COUNSEL
Official Capacity to Administer Oaths
(See R C M 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)

ORIGINAL

12. On 23 May 2024 @ 1500, 20 24, the accused was informed of the charges against him/her and of the name(s) of the accuser(s) known to me. (See R.C.M. 308(a)). (See R.C.M. 308 if notification cannot be made.)

[REDACTED]
Typed Name of Immediate Commander

8th Marine Corps District
Organization of Immediate Commander

Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Grade

[REDACTED]
Signature

IV. RECEIPT BY SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY

13. The sworn charges were received at 311D hours, 22 May 20 24 at 8th Marine Corps District, Western
Designation of Command or

Recruiting Region, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego

Officer Exercising Summary Court-Martial Jurisdiction (See R.C.M. 403)

FOR THE' Commanding Officer

[REDACTED]
Typed Name of Officer

Executive Officer
Official Capacity of Officer Signing

Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Grade

[REDACTED]
Signature

V. REFERRAL; SERVICE OF CHARGES

14a. DESIGNATION OF COMMAND OF CONVENING AUTHORITY

b. PLACE

c. DATE

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, WESTERN RECRUITING

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

AUG 03 2024

Referred for trial to the GENERAL court-martial convened by GCMCO #1-23

Dated 4 AUGUST 20 23, subject to the following instructions: To be tried
in conjunction with the charges stated referred on 7 Aug 2024

by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
Command or Order

J. A. RYANS II
Typed Name of Officer

COMMANDING GENERAL
Official Capacity of Officer Signing

BRIGADIER GENERAL, USMC

15. [REDACTED] ST 20 24, I caused to be served a copy hereof on the above named accused.

M. D. SNYDER

CAPTAIN, USMC
Grade or Rank of Trial Counsel

FOOTNOTES

1 - When an appropriate commander signs personally, inapplicable words are stricken
2 - See R.C.M. 601(a) concerning instructions. If none, so state

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGE SHEET

I. PERSONAL DATA

1 NAME OF ACCUSED (Last First MI)	2 EDIP	3 RANK/RATE	4 PAY GRADE
CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.		GySgt	E-7

Specification 3: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 31 December 2022, at or near San Antonio, Texas violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant

Specification 4: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Denver, Colorado violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant

Specification 5: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Las Vegas, Nevada violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant

Specification 6: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 1 September 2022 to on or about 15 July 2023, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age.

Specification 7: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 31 December 2022, at or near San Antonio, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age.

Specification 8: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Denver, Colorado, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age.

Specification 9: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Las Vegas, Nevada, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to a person under 21 years of age.

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ORIGINAL

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARGE SHEET

I. PERSONAL DATA

1 NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI)	2 EDIP:	3 RANK/RATE	4 PAY GRADE
CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.	[REDACTED]	GySgt	E-7

CHARGE II: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ART. 93a

Specification 1: *(Prohibited activities with applicant for military service)* In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, while a military recruiter, did, on divers occasions between on or about 1 September 2022 to on or about 15 July 2023, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, engage in prohibited sexual activity with an applicant for military service, [REDACTED]

Specification 2: *(Prohibited activities with applicant for military service)* In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, while a military recruiter, did, on or about 31 December 2022, at or near San Antonio, Texas, engage in prohibited sexual activity with an applicant for military service, [REDACTED]

Specification 3: *(Prohibited activities with applicant for military service)* In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, while a military recruiter, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Denver, Colorado, engage in prohibited sexual activity with an applicant for military service, [REDACTED]

Specification 4: *(Prohibited activities with applicant for military service)* In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, while a military recruiter, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Las Vegas, Nevada, engage in prohibited sexual activity with an applicant for military service, [REDACTED]

(END)

ORIGINAL

CHARGE SHEET

I. PERSONAL DATA

1 NAME OF ACCUSED (Last, First, MI) CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.		2 (DIP) [REDACTED]	3 RANK/RATE GySgt	4 PAY GRADE E-7
5 UNIT OR ORGANIZATION 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District Western Recruiting Region Marine Corps Recruiting Command		6 CURRENT SERVICE a INITIAL DATE 8 Nov 2017 b TERM 4 yrs		
7 PAY PER MONTH		8 NATURE OF RESTRAINT OF ACCUSED None		
a BASIC \$5,379.30	b SEA/FORL'GN DUTY None	c TOTAL \$5,379.30	9. DATE(S) IMPOSED N/A	

II. CHARGE AND SPECIFICATION

10. ADDITIONAL CHARGE: VIOLATION OF THE UCMJ, ART. 92

Specification (Violation or failure to obey other lawful written order): In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, having knowledge of a lawful order issued by Major [REDACTED], to wit: Military Protection Order, dated 17 November 2023, an order which it was his duty to obey, did, on divers occasions, between on or about 17 November 2023 and on or about 17 June 2024, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, fail to obey the same by wrongfully initiating contact or communication with [REDACTED]

(END)

III. PREFERRAL

11a. NAME OF ACCUSER (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]	b. GRADE E-3	c. ORGANIZATION OF ACCUSER HqHqRon, MCAS Miramar, California
d. SIGNATURE OF ACCUSER [REDACTED]	e. DATE 7 August 2024	

AFFIDAVIT: Before me, the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared the above-named accuser this 7th day of August 2024, and signed the foregoing charges and specifications under oath that he is a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and that he either has personal knowledge of or has investigated the matters set forth therein and that the same are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

M. D. SNYDER
Typed Name of Officer

HqHqRon, MCAS Miramar
Organization of Officer

CAPTAIN, USMC
Grade and Service

TRIAL COUNSEL
Official Capacity to Administer Oaths
(See R.C.M. 307(b)--must be commissioned officer)

[REDACTED]
Signature

ORIGINAL

12 On 8 August 20 24 the accused was informed of the charges against him/her and of the name(s) of the accuser(s) known to me (See R C M 308(a)) (See R C M 308 if notification cannot be made)

Typed Name of Immediate Commander

8th Marine Corps District

Organization of Immediate Commander

Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Grade

IV. RECEIPT BY SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY

13 The sworn charges were received at 0800 hours, 8 August 20 24 at 8th Marine Corps District
Designation of Command or

Western Recruiting Region Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego
Officer Exercising Summary Court-Martial Jurisdiction (See R C M 403)

FOR THE: Commanding Officer

Executive Officer

Official Capacity of Officer Signing

Typed Name of Officer

Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Grade

V. REFERRAL SERVICE OF CHARGES

14a. DESIGNATION OF COMMAND OF CONVENING AUTHORITY

b. PLACE

c. DATE

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Western Recruiting Region

San Diego, California

210809

Referred for trial to the General court-martial convened by GCMCO 1-23

Dated 4 August 20 23 subject to the following instructions to be tried in
conjunction with the charge sheet preferred on 22 May 2024.

by of
Command or Order

J. A. RYANS II

Typed Name of Officer

COMMANDING GENERAL

Official Capacity of Officer Signing

BRIGADIER GENERAL, USMC

15 On 12 AUGUST 20 24 (caused to be) served a copy hereof on the above named accused

M. D. SNYDER

Typed Name of Trial Counsel

CAPTAIN, USMC

Grade or Rank of Trial Counsel

FOOTNOTES

1 - When an appropriate commander signs personally, inapplicable words are stricken
2 - See R C M 501(e) concerning instructions, if none so state

TRIAL COURT MOTIONS & RESPONSES

**THERE ARE NO TRIAL COURT MOTIONS
AND RESPONSES**

REQUESTS

THERE ARE NO REQUESTS

NOTICES

THERE ARE NO NOTICES

COURT RULINGS & ORDERS

**THERE ARE NO COURT RULINGS
AND ORDERS**

STATEMENT OF TRIAL RESULTS

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SECTION A - ADMINISTRATIVE

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (last, first, MI) CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.	2. BRANCH Marine Corps	3. PAYGRADE E-7	4. DoD ID NUMBER [REDACTED]
5. CONVENING COMMAND 8th Marine Corps District, MCRD	6. TYPE OF COURT-MARTIAL General	7. COMPOSITION Judge Alone - MJA16	8. DATE SENTENCE ADJUDGED Sep 27, 2024

SECTION B - FINDINGS

SEE FINDINGS PAGE

SECTION C - TOTAL ADJUDGED SENTENCE

9. DISCHARGE OR DISMISSAL Dishonorable discharge	10. CONFINEMENT 12 Months	11. FORFEITURES Total Forfeiture	12. FINES N/A	13. FINE PENALTY N/A
14. REDUCTION E-1	15. DEATH Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	16. REPRIMAND Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	17. HARD LABOR Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	18. RESTRICTION Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
19. HARD LABOR PERIOD N/A				
20. PERIOD AND LIMITS OF RESTRICTION N/A				

SECTION D - CONFINEMENT CREDIT

21. DAYS OF PRETRIAL CONFINEMENT CREDIT 0	22. DAYS OF JUDICIALLY ORDERED CREDIT 0	23. TOTAL DAYS OF CREDIT 0 days
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SECTION E - PLEA AGREEMENT OR PRE-TRIAL AGREEMENT

24. LIMITATIONS ON PUNISHMENT CONTAINED IN THE PLEA AGREEMENT OR PRE-TRIAL AGREEMENT No less than a bad conduct discharge shall be adjudged; 6 - 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged; total forfeitures shall be adjudged; No fine shall be adjudged; Reduction to E-1 shall be adjudged; no other punishments shall be adjudged.

SECTION F - SUSPENSION OR CLEMENCY RECOMMENDATION

25. DID THE MILITARY JUDGE RECOMMEND SUSPENSION OF THE SENTENCE OR CLEMENCY? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	26. PORTION TO WHICH IT APPLIES [REDACTED]	27. RECOMMENDED DURATION [REDACTED]
28. FACTS SUPPORTING THE SUSPENSION OR CLEMENCY RECOMMENDATION [REDACTED]		

SECTION G - NOTIFICATIONS

29. Is sex offender registration required in accordance with appendix 4 to enclosure 2 of DoDI 1325.07?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
30. Is DNA collection and submission required in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 1565 and DoDI 5505.14?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
31. Did this case involve a crime of domestic violence as defined in enclosure 2 of DoDI 6400.06?	Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
32. Does this case trigger a firearm possession prohibition in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 922?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>

SECTION H - NOTES AND SIGNATURE

33. NAME OF JUDGE (last, first, MI) SEGRAVES, DAVID C.	34. BRANCH Marine Corps	35. PAYGRADE O-5	36. DATE SIGNED Sep 27, 2024	38. JUDGE'S SIGNATURE SEGRAVES, DAVID.CAR L. [REDACTED] Date: 2024.09.27 09:09:40 -07'00'
37. NOTES [REDACTED]				

STATEMENT OF TRIAL RESULTS - FINDINGS

SECTION I - LIST OF FINDINGS

CHARGE	ARTICLE	SPECIFICATION	PLEA	FINDING	ORDER OR REGULATION VIOLATED	LIO OR INCHOATE OFFENSE ARTICLE	DIBRS
Charge I	92	Specification 1	Guilty	Guilty	Depot Order 1100		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 2	Guilty	Guilty	Depot Order 1100		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 3	Guilty	Guilty	Depot Order 1100		Empty
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 4	Guilty	Guilty	Depot Order 1100		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 5	Guilty	Guilty	Depot Order 1100		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 6	Guilty	Guilty	MCO 1700 22G		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Specification 7	Not Guilty	W/D	MCO 1700 22G		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Withdrawn and Dismissed	Withdrawn and Dismissed in Accordance to the plea agreement.				
		Specification 8	Not Guilty	W/D	MCO 1700 22G		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Withdrawn and Dismissed	Withdrawn and Dismissed in Accordance to the plea agreement.				
		Specification 9	Not Guilty	W/D	MCO 1700 22G		092-A0
		Offense description	Violation of a lawful general order				
		Withdrawn and Dismissed	Withdrawn and Dismissed in Accordance to the plea agreement.				
Charge II	93a	Specification 1	Guilty	Guilty			None
		Offense description	Abuse of position as a military recruiter				
		Specification 2	Not Guilty	W/D			None
		Offense description	Abuse of position as a military recruiter				
		Withdrawn and Dismissed	Withdrawn and Dismissed in Accordance to the plea agreement.				
		Specification 3	Not Guilty	W/D			None
		Offense description	Abuse of position as a military recruiter				
		Withdrawn and Dismissed	Withdrawn and Dismissed in Accordance to the plea agreement.				
		Specification 4	Guilty	Guilty			None

STATEMENT OF TRIAL RESULTS - FINDINGS

SECTION I - LIST OF FINDINGS

CHARGE	ARTICLE	SPECIFICATION	PLEA	FINDING	ORDER OR REGULATION VIOLATED	LIO OR INCHOATE OFFENSE ARTICLE	DIBRS
Offense description	Abuse of position as a military recruiter						
92	Specification:	Guilty	Guilty	MPO	Empty		
Additional Charge	Offense description	Violation of a other lawful written order					

MILITARY JUDGE ALONE SEGMENTED SENTENCE

SECTION J - SENTENCING

CHARGE	SPECIFICATION	CONFINEMENT	CONCURRENT WITH	CONSECUTIVE WITH	FINE
Charge I	Specification 1:	12 Months	I 2, I 3, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 2	12 Months	I 1, I 3, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 3	12 Months	I 1, I 2, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 4	6 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 5, I 6, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 5	12 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 4, I 6, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 6	6 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 4, I 5, II 1, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 7:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Specification 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Specification 9:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charge II	Specification 1	12 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 4, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
	Specification 2:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Specification 3:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Specification 4:	12 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 1, and Add'l Charge	N/A	N/A
Additional Charge	Specification:	6 Months	I 1, I 2, I 3, I 4, I 5, I 6, II 1, II 4	N/A	N/A

CONVENING AUTHORITY'S ACTIONS

POST-TRIAL ACTION**SECTION A - STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE REVIEW**

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (LAST, FIRST, MI) CHAMPAGNE, Christopher M.		2. PAYGRADE/RANK E7	3. DoD ID NUMBER [REDACTED]
4. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION 8th Marine Corps District, WRR, MCRC		5. CURRENT ENLISTMENT 8 Nov 2017	6. TERM 4 years
7. CONVENING AUTHORITY (UNIT/ORGANIZATION) MCRD, WRR	8. COURT- MARTIAL TYPE General	9. COMPOSITION Judge Alone - MJA16	10. DATE SENTENCE ADJUDGED 27-Sep-2024

Post-Trial Matters to Consider

11. Has the accused made a request for deferment of reduction in grade?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
12. Has the accused made a request for deferment of confinement?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
13. Has the accused made a request for deferment of adjudged forfeitures?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
14. Has the accused made a request for deferment of automatic forfeitures?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
15. Has the accused made a request for waiver of automatic forfeitures?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
16. Has the accused submitted necessary information for transferring forfeitures for benefit of dependents?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
17. Has the accused submitted matters for convening authority's review?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
18. Has the victim(s) submitted matters for convening authority's review?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
19. Has the accused submitted any rebuttal matters?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
20. Has the military judge made a suspension or clemency recommendation?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
21. Has the trial counsel made a recommendation to suspend any part of the sentence?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
22. Did the court-martial sentence the accused to a reprimand issued by the convening authority?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

23. Summary of Clemency/Deferment Requested by Accused and/or Crime Victim, if applicable.

- SJA consulted with the Convening Authority and explained his clemency authority under Art. 60a and the Rules for Courts-Martial, UCMJ.

- On 1 October 2024, Detailed Defense Counsel submitted letter 5800 DSO/ecp of 1 October 2024, requesting to waive the automatic forfeitures for 6 months to be paid to GySgt Champagne's daughter.

24. Convening Authority Name/Title Brigadier General J. A. RYANS II/Commanding General	25. SJA Name Lieutenant Colonel [REDACTED]
26. SJA signature [REDACTED]	27. Date Dec 19, 2024

SECTION B - CONVENING AUTHORITY ACTION

28. Having reviewed all matters submitted by the accused and the victim(s) pursuant to R.C.M. 1106/1106A, and after being advised by the staff judge advocate or legal officer, I take the following action in this case: [If deferring or waiving any punishment, indicate the date the deferment/waiver will end. Attach signed reprimand if applicable. Indicate what action, if any, taken on suspension recommendation(s) or clemency recommendations from the judge.]

DENIAL

- I have considered all matters submitted by the Accused.
- The Accused's request to waive automatic forfeitures for 6 months is disapproved.
- The Accused's request to suspend the rank reduction is disapproved.
- I take no action on the findings or sentence in this case.

29. Convening authority's written explanation of the reasons for taking action on offenses with mandatory minimum punishments or offenses for which the maximum sentence to confinement that may be adjudged exceeds two years, or offenses where the adjudged sentence includes a punitive discharge (Dismissal, DD, BCD) or confinement for more than six months, or a violation of Art. 120(a) or 120(b) or 120b:

DENIAL

After review of all matters and careful consideration of the accused's situation, including the seriousness of the crimes and the sentence, I concluded that the accused did not meet his burden. Therefore it is appropriate to deny the waiver of automatic forfeiture request.

30. Convening Authority's signature

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31. Date

Dec 19, 2024

32. Date convening authority action was forwarded to PTPD or Review Shop.

ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

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SECTION A - ADMINISTRATIVE

1. NAME OF ACCUSED (LAST, FIRST, MI) CHAMPANGE, Christopher M.		2. PAYGRADE/RANK E7	3. DoD ID NUMBER [REDACTED]
4. UNIT OR ORGANIZATION 8th Marine Corps District, WRR, MCRC		5. CURRENT ENLISTMENT 8 Nov 2017	6. TERM 4 years
7. CONVENING AUTHORITY (UNIT/ORGANIZATION) MCRD, WRR	8. COURT-MARTIAL TYPE General	9. COMPOSITION Judge Alone - MJA16	10. DATE COURT-MARTIAL ADJOURNED 27-Sep-2024

SECTION B - ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

****MUST be signed by the Military Judge (or Circuit Military Judge) within 20 days of receipt****

11. Findings of each charge and specification referred to trial. [Summary of each charge and specification (include at a minimum the gravamen of the offense), the plea of the accused, the findings or other disposition accounting for any exceptions and substitutions, any modifications made by the convening authority or any post-trial ruling, order, or other determination by the military judge. R.C.M. 1111(b)(1)]

Charge I: Violation of the UCMJ, Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, (10 U.S.C. §892)

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 1: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 1 September 2022 to on or about 16 November 2022, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4C, dated 3 November 2016, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, or engaging in sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- using internet-based capabilities and social media platforms, and cellular phone applications to communicate with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED] in an unprofessional or personal manner that is not directly related to recruiting matters;
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 2: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 17 November 2022 to on or about 15 July 2023, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- using internet-based capabilities, telephones, or social media platforms, cellular phone applications, user-generated content, social software, e-mail, instant messaging, and discussion forums to communicate with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

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12. Sentence to be Entered. Account for any modifications made by reason of any post-trial action by the convening authority (including any action taken based on a suspension recommendation), confinement credit, or any post-trial rule, order, or other determination by the military judge. R.C.M. 1111(b)(2). If the sentence was determined by a military judge, ensure confinement and fines are segmented as well as if a sentence shall run concurrently or consecutively.

On 27 September 2024, a military judge sentenced the Accused to the following:

Reduction to pay grade E-1.

Total Forfeitures.

Confinement

For Specification 1 of Charge I
confinement for 12 months.

For Specification 2 of Charge I
confinement for 12 months.

For Specification 3 of Charge I
confinement for 12 months.

For Specification 4 of Charge I
confinement for 6 months.

For Specification 5 of Charge I
confinement for 12 months.

For Specification 6 of Charge I
confinement for 6 months.

For Specification 1 of Charge II
confinement for 12 months.

For Specification 4 of Charge II
confinement for 12 months.

For the Sole Specification of the Additional Charge
confinement for 6 months.

The terms of confinement will run concurrently.

Confinement for a total of 12 months.

A Dishonorable discharge.

The Accused shall be credited with 0 days of pretrial confinement credit.

Plea Agreement:

- No less than a bad-conduct discharge shall be adjudged.

SEE CONTINUATION PAGE

13. Deferment and Waiver. Include the nature of the request, the CA's Action, the effective date of the deferment, and date the deferment ended. For waivers, include the effective date and the length of the waiver. RCM 1111(b)(3)

On 1 October 2024, the Detailed Defense Counsel submitted a request for clemency on behalf of the Accused, requesting for the Convening Authority to act under Article 58b, UCMJ, and waive all forfeitures of pay and allowances for 6 months to be paid to the Accused's daughter. Additionally, the Accused requested for the Convening Authority to suspend the rank reduction adjudged.

On December 19 2024, the Convening Authority, after reviewing all matters and carefully considering the Accused's situation, denied the Detailed Defense Counsel's request by concluding that the Accused did not meet his burden and deemed it appropriate to deny the waiver of automatic forfeitures requested. The Convening Authority took no action on the findings or sentence.

14. Action convening authority took on any suspension recommendation from the military judge:

- N/A. The Military Judge did not recommend suspension.

15. Judge's signature:		16. Date judgment entered:	
SEGRAVES.DAVID. CARL. [REDACTED]		Jan 16, 2025	
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17. In accordance with RCM 1111(c)(1), the military judge who entered a judgment may modify the judgment to correct computational or clerical errors within 14 days after the judgment was initially entered. Include any modifications here and resign the Entry of Judgment.			
18. Judge's signature:		19. Date judgment entered:	

II. Findings (Continued)

Specification 3: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 31 December 2022, at or near San Antonio, Texas violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED];
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 4: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Denver, Colorado violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 5: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Las Vegas, Nevada violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: Depot Order 1100.4D, dated 17 November 2022, by wrongfully:

- encouraging, seeking, soliciting, engaging in, or attempting to engage in, personal, romantic, or sexual relations with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- giving gifts to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- making physical contact with prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]
- providing alcoholic beverages, either directly or through the use of a third party, to prospective recruit applicant [REDACTED]

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 6: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on divers occasions between on or about 1 September 2022 to on or about 15 July 2023, at or near Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to [REDACTED] a person under 21 years of age.

Plea: Guilty.

Finding: Guilty.

Specification 7: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 31 December 2022, at or near San Antonio, Texas, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to [REDACTED] a person under 21 years of age.

Plea: Not Guilty.

Finding: W/D.*

Specification 8: (Violating general order or regulation) In that Gunnery Sergeant Christopher M. Champagne, did, on or about 29 April 2023, at or near Denver, Colorado, violate a lawful general order, which was his duty to obey, to wit: MCO 1700.22G, dated 16 November 2015, by wrongfully providing alcohol to [REDACTED] a person under 21 years of age.

Plea: Not Guilty.

Finding: W/D.*

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12. Sentence (Continued)

- A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 1 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 2 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 3 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 4 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 5 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 6 of Charge
- I. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 1 of Charge
- II. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 4 of Charge
- II. A minimum of 6 months of confinement and a maximum of 12 months of confinement shall be adjudged for Specification 1 of the Additional Charge.
- Total forfeitures shall be adjudged, Automatic Forfeitures will not be deferred or waived.
- No fine shall be adjudged.
- Reduction to the grade of E-1 shall be adjudged.
- No other lawful punishments may be adjudged.

13. Deferment and Waiver (Continued)

APPELLATE MOTIONS

**THERE ARE NO APPELLATE MOTIONS
AT THIS TIME**

APPELLATE BRIEFS

**THERE ARE NO APPELLATE BRIEFS
AT THIS TIME**

REMAND

THERE WERE NO REMANDS

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
APPELLATE REVIEW**