

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE HEADQUARTERS SPACE OPERATIONS COMMAND

13 June 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY JUDGE (LT COL BRIAN C. MASON)

FROM: SpOC/CC

150 Vandenberg Street, Suite 1105 Peterson AFB CO 80914-4020

SUBJECT: Convening Authority Decision on Action - United States v. 1st Lt Travis C. Baker

- 1. I take no action on the findings in this case.
- 2. I take no action on the sentence.
- 3. The accused did not request any deferment of confinement, forfeitures, or reduction in grade.
- 4. The accused is reprimanded as follows: You are hereby reprimanded! Driving under the influence is incompatible with military service and completely intolerable. Your behavior falls far below the basic standards of conduct expected of every servicemember. Your willful decision to operate a vehicle after consuming alcohol is an abomination to good order and discipline. What is worse, you choose to drive under the influence of alcohol twice in the span of just four days. Your blood alcohol concentration was 0.282% at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado and 0.217% at Buckley Space Force Base, Aurora, Colorado. That is more than two and half times the legal limit in both cases. Not only did you put yourself in danger, you put ever single driver and passenger in your path from Buckley Space Force Base to Peterson Space Force Base in danger. Finally, after being stopped by Peterson Space Force Base law enforcement under the suspicion of drunk driving, you continued your dishonorable behavior by disrespectfully speaking to the responding officer in a manner unbecoming an officer and a gentlemen. You have disgraced the Department of the Air Force, your unit, and yourself.
- 5. Unless competent authority otherwise directs, upon completion of the sentence to confinement, the accused will be required, under Article 76a, UCMJ, to take leave pending completion of appellate review.

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6. Prior to coming to this decision, I consulted with my Staff Judge Advocate. Before declining to take action, I considered matters timely submitted by the accused under R.C.M. 1106.

STEPHEN N. WHITING Lieutenant General, USSF Commander