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## **Guantanamo Officers Leave Without Appeal**

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Three army officers involved with the detention camp for terror suspects have left the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay without appealing their punishments for "personal misconduct," an official said Saturday.

A colonel and two lieutenant colonels left with their units Friday, said Army Col. Brad Blackner, a spokesman in Guantanamo.

Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the head of the detention mission, relieved the three of duty and took unspecified disciplinary action against them last week. The officers, who held undisclosed command posts, chose to accept their punishments, Blackner said. They did not have the option of appealing their removal from duty.

A senior military officer familiar with some details of the case said last week that allegations against the officers involved sexual misconduct. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also said the case of a one-star general facing similar allegations had been referred to higher authority.

Blackner declined to release more details on the case, saying it was an administrative matter.

Two other officers and an enlisted soldier, who were disciplined in the same investigation, have also left the base without appealing, Blackner said.

CBS News reported last week that the colonel who was suspended was in charge of the interrogation center at Guantanamo Bay. One of the accused lieutenant colonels commanded the military police guarding the prisoners, and the other was in charge of the soldiers responsible for base security, CBS reported.

The CBS report said the colonel and the two lieutenant colonels are accused of committing adultery with a Navy nurse and a number of female civilian contractors.

CBS said the one-star general who is under investigation for alleged adultery was the deputy commander of the prison camp. The investigation began after a soldier who had been disciplined for adultery made accusations against the four officers