

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES

v.

**Senior Airman CHRISTOPHER T. COLLINS
United States Air Force**

ACM 35911

31 January 2005

Sentence adjudged 6 February 2004 by GCM convened at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. Military Judge: Lance B. Sigmon.

Approved sentence: Bad-conduct discharge, hard labor without confinement for 3 months, forfeiture of \$300.00 pay per month for 3 months, and reduction to E-1.

Appellate Counsel for Appellant: Declined representation by counsel.

Before

**PRATT, ORR, and MOODY
Appellate Military Judges**

PER CURIAM:

This case is before the Court on its merits for our review under Article 66(c), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 866(c), due to the appellant having declined representation by military appellate defense counsel, and having failed to submit any assertions of error.

The case was thoroughly litigated by the appellant's trial defense counsel, including a motion to suppress the appellant's confession and a motion to dismiss charges based upon the destruction of potentially exculpatory evidence. These motions and several others were very appropriately handled and decided by the trial judge. Ultimately, contrary to his pleas, the appellant was convicted by a panel of officer and enlisted members of unlawful entry into a car repair lot, burning his automobile with intent to defraud, conspiracy to burn his automobile, and larceny of money from the insurance company, in violation of Articles 81, 121, and 134, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. §§ 881, 921, 934.

The approved findings and sentence are correct in law and fact, and no error prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant occurred. Article 66(c), UCMJ; *United States v. Reed*, 54 M.J. 37, 41 (C.A.A.F. 2000). Accordingly, the approved findings and sentence are

AFFIRMED.

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ANGELA M. BRICE
Clerk of Court