

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES

v.

Airman Basic MURRAY M. JONES JR.
United States Air Force

ACM 36577

25 July 2007

Sentence adjudged 4 November 2005 by GCM convened at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Military Judge: Joseph Cole (sitting alone).

Approved sentence: Bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 10 months, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Appellate Counsel for Appellant: Colonel Nikki A. Hall, Lieutenant Colonel Mark R. Strickland, and Captain Vicki A. Belleau.

Appellate Counsel for the United States: Colonel Gerald R. Bruce and Major Matthew Ward.

Before

SCHOLZ, JACOBSON, and THOMPSON
Appellate Military Judges

PER CURIAM:

We have reviewed the record of trial, the error assigned by the appellant pursuant to *United States v. Grostefon*,¹ and the government's reply. In determining the appropriateness of a sentence, this Court exercises its "highly discretionary" powers to assure that justice is done and the appellant receives the punishment he deserves. *United States v. Lacy*, 50 M.J. 286, 287 (C.A.A.F. 1999). Performing this function does not authorize this Court to exercise clemency. *United States v. Healy*, 26 M.J. 394, 395-96 (C.M.A. 1988). The primary manner in which we discharge this responsibility is to give "individualized consideration" to an appellant "on the basis of the nature and seriousness of the offense and the

¹ 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982)

character of the offender.” *United States v. Snelling*, 14 M.J. 267, 268 (C.M.A. 1982) (quoting *United States v. Mamaluy*, 27 C.M.R. 176, 180-81 (C.M.A. 1959)). After a careful review of the appellant’s case, we hold that the appellant’s sentence is not inappropriately severe.

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, 10 U.S.C. § 866(c); *United States v. Reed*, 54 M.J. 37, 41 (C.A.A.F. 2000). Accordingly, the findings and sentence are

AFFIRMED.

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Court Administrator

