UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

UNITED STATES

v.

Airman First Class ANETRA S. TAYLOR United States Air Force

ACM S30327

30 July 2004

Sentence adjudged 15 January 2003 by SPCM convened at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom. Military Judge: Thomas W. Pittman (sitting alone).

Approved sentence: Bad-conduct discharge, restriction to RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom for 60 days, a fine of \$1,500.00, confinement for 60 days if the fine is not paid, and reduction to E-1.

Appellate Counsel for Appellant: Lieutenant Colonel Brandon A. Burnett, Major Terry L. McElyea, and Captain L. Martin Powell.

Appellate Counsel for the United States: Colonel LeEllen Coacher, Lieutenant Colonel Robert V. Combs, and Major John C. Johnson.

Before

ORR, MOODY, and CONNELLY Appellate Military Judges

PER CURIAM:

The appellant was convicted pursuant to her pleas of one specification of wrongful use of ecstasy and two specifications of wrongful use of marijuana in the form of hashish, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 912a. The sentence adjudged and approved was a bad-conduct discharge, restriction to the base for 60 days, a fine of \$1,500.00, with confinement for 60 days to be imposed if the fine is not paid, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

One assignment of error is raised pursuant to *United States v. Grostefon*, 12 M.J. 431 (C.M.A. 1982). The appellant submits that her sentence to a bad-conduct discharge is inappropriately severe. She contends that in light of her youth, remorse, prior duty

performance, and loneliness incident to her military career, the punitive discharge should be disapproved.

The standard of review on issues of sentence appropriateness is whether, considering the entire record, the character of the offender and the nature of the offenses for which she is being sentenced, the sentence adjudged or approved is appropriate. *United States v. Peoples*, 29 M.J. 426 (C.M.A. 1990); *United States v. Snelling*, 14 M.J. 267 (C.M.A. 1982).

The appellant pled guilty to using illegal drugs on three occasions. The drugs were used with other Air Force members and on one occasion, the appellant provided the drugs. Her brief service in the Air Force was marred by two letters of reprimand and a letter of admonishment. Considering the entire record, the character of the offender and the nature of the offenses, the appellant's sentence is not inappropriately severe.

The findings and sentence are correct in law and fact, the sentence is appropriate and no error prejudicial to the substantial rights of the appellant was committed. 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 approved findings and sentence are

AFFIRMED.

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