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1. Submitted by: HQ AFSPA/SPSS, Kirtland AFB NM
2. Operation/event name: Driving under the Influence/Unauthorized Entry to the Mass Parking Area at Robins AFB, Ga., Aug 91
3. Keywords: Security/DUI/Unauthorized Entry to Flightline
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5. Observation: At 0150 hours on 9 August 1991, three individuals illegally entered Robins AFB, Georgia, drove on the mass parking apron containing priority C resources and entered one of the aircraft parked there. All three were civilians with no current military affiliation. All three suspects were detained by posted security personnel and turned over to law enforcement personnel for processing.
6. Discussion: The suspects were advised of their rights and charged with trespassing. The driver was also advised of the Georgia Implied Consent Warning because he had made a spontaneous statement that he had been drinking and driving. All three suspects were charged with criminal trespassing. The driver was also charged with DWI. The sole female suspect stated that she just met the two male suspects and they were giving her a ride home when they asked if she wanted to go to Robins and "watch the planes land." The driver refused to make a written statement and was the only suspect to request a lawyer, but in spite of his request, he continued to talk about the incident. He stated that he was trying to impress the female suspect by showing her the planes. He also said that the entire incident was his fault. He claimed to be assigned to the 49th Ranger Battalion in Rome, Georgia; however, checks with several Army posts failed to confirm that the 49th Ranger Battalion exists. A check with the hospital at Ft. Benning revealed that the driver had been medically discharged from the Army in September 1989. A check with National Crime Information Center (NCIC) revealed that no wants existed on any of the subjects. All three suspects were released. Further investigation revealed that the two males involved suffered from mental disorders. The second male suspect lived in a halfway house in Macon, Georgia. His home provider stated that he has been diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. The driver also suffers from mental disorders. His family stated that he is a drifter and has no forwarding address. The female suspect was the least culpable in the incident according to the HQ AFLC/JA. Because the defendants were unable to be located and there was a possibility that they would be declared unfit to stand trial due to their mental conditions, the Air Force declined to prosecute. Individuals were issued debarment letters. It was determined that the security police failed to conduct ID checks at the base entry point and at the manned entry control point to the restricted area.
7. Lessons Learned: This incident highlights the importance of defense in depth; it is crucial that the installation's entry controls are effectively implemented and rigorously maintained. The incident again emphasizes the need for improved flight line barriers and entry control procedures.
8. Recommended Action: None
9. OPR Comments: None