

Combat Center Current Trending Crimes

Larceny

- ❖ Do **NOT** leave your CIF gear unattended in vehicles (*including the trunk*).
- ❖ Gear left unsecured/unattended will be treated as lost property if reported missing, which holds the Marine financially responsible.
- ❖ Maintain a list serial numbers for all personal property considered valuable (*heirlooms included*). Items without serial numbers should be marked to identify ownership.
- ❖ Be diligent to continue pursuit of BEQ room keys and properly operating locks. If your room doesn't lock, find other means to secure gear & personal belongings (storage trunks, lock boxes, etc.).

Assault

Marines are the world's finest fighting force and we would not ask you to be anything less than the best, but Marines are still Marines.

With that said, Assaults are still not an acceptable form of settling any matters. This will only take you out of the fight and limit the Marine Corps' ability to accomplish the mission.

Minor scuffles & grappling will be handled as a command issue. However, any injuries resulting in lacerations (bleeding), fractured or broken bones, loss of consciousness, etc. are considered excessive crimes & could carry penalties for offenders outside of the Marines Corps, even after time in service. A drunken night of anger is not worth showing up in every criminal background check for the rest of your life.

**DON'T RISK IT!
KEEP YOUR HANDS TO YOURSELF**

About Us

Criminal Investigation Division (CID),
Criminal Intelligence and Crime Analysis Section
(CICAS)
MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, CA

Our section of CID is responsible for supporting Law Enforcement through analysis of criminals and criminal events, utilizing technology such as spreadsheets, data management systems, internet databases, presentation software, and Geospatial Information Systems. We provide Strategic and Tactical Crime Analysis and Criminal and Non-Criminal Intelligence to the Combat Center, as well as local Law Enforcement and other federal agencies, such as NCIS, Secret Service, DEA, and the ATF.

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Schedule a date and time for our section to provide a unit brief for all assigned Marines and/or civilians. We can specifically cover Fraud and Extortion or a generalized brief on crimes affecting the unit.

CRIME AND YOU



**“IF IT SEEMS, IN ANY
WAY, TOO GOOD TO
BE TRUE...IT IS!”**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER
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Most Common Fraud Scams

Senior Marine Impersonator

- ❖ Targets young Marines specifically.
- ❖ Steals the images of senior ranking Marines (SNCO or officer) posing as a recruiter or social media influencer.
- ❖ Asks Marine to participate in a fund requiring bank account access.
- ❖ Threatens Marine with the “power of rank” or some other vague implication of seniority and may even threaten NCIS notification.

COVID-19 Fund

- ❖ Portrayed as a donation fund, sometimes a fund specifically for military.
- ❖ Victim promised money back when donating.

Be selective about public images and bio details on your social media applications. This is the primary method used to target Marines. You don't need to clear your social media, but understand that is will attract scammers. Be suspicious of anyone you don't know who sends friend requests. If you don't know them, make no financial dealing unless you see them face to face. Speak to them on the phone if you do know them. Do not let texting be the *only* contact method. Always be aware scammers steal your friend's accounts and impersonate them to steal from you.

Most Common Extortion Scams

Sextortion

- ❖ So far, 100% exclusively males.
- ❖ Contacted via social media or adult websites.
- ❖ Sends sexually explicit photos.
- ❖ Request video chat & claim audio doesn't work while you actually view per-recorded video.
- ❖ Request display of your face and genitals on the screen. *They are recording you!*
- ❖ Threaten video release of you on social media, YouTube, and other websites (even Marine Corps publications) if payment is not sent OR
- ❖ Contact you posing as a father of the girl and claiming she is underage and threaten contact to law enforcement in exchange for money.

Note: Extorting you for money is a crime. They can't accuse you of a crime while committing one themselves.

Drug Cartels

- ❖ Claims to be part of a Mexican cartel
- ❖ Accuses the victim of incurring a “fee” for “wasting their girl's time”.
- ❖ Sends images of dead human bodies and/or videos of persons in masks with guns.
- ❖ Performs internet “people search” to gain personal information about the victim (address, relatives info, etc.). This search can be done with as little as your name or phone number.

Combat Center Current Results of

Extortion and Fraud

Net Loss between the
last 22 Marines was
\$76,326!!!

One Marine alone lost
over \$33,000!

Do you have that much
to give away?

