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SIX CADETS CHARGED – Nov. 11, 2016

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Charges were preferred yesterday against six cadets involving drug-related offenses.

Members of the Class of 2017 Joshua Bobo, Jaelen Gadson, Tevin Long, Christopher Monge, Jalen Swett and Class of 2016 Jared Rogers, have been similarly charged with Article 81 (Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances) and Article 112a (Wrongful Use, Introduction and Distribution of Controlled Substances) of the [Uniform Code of Military Justice](#).

The cadets are currently on administrative leave away from the academy. They are presumed innocent until proven guilty in trial by courts-martial.

The preferring of charges against a service member is the first step in the court-martial process. The next step is a pretrial investigation pursuant to Article 32, which is similar to a civilian grand jury. The Article 32 hearing, however, provides greater procedural rights for the defendant: the right to be present during the public hearing, the right to present evidence, the right to cross-examine witnesses, and the right to have a defense lawyer.

The pretrial investigation will be conducted by a military officer at West Point. The evidence obtained and his or her recommendation will be provide to a senior military officer who may then dispose of the case or recommend a trial by courts-martial to the Superintendent, the senior officer at West Point.

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