

Lightning Justice!

On 6 September 2012, at a Special Court-Martial, Specialist Annzala L. Pitt, C Company, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, was found guilty of multiple specifications of striking, disrespecting, and disobeying her superiors. She was also convicted of drunk and disorderly conduct. The Military Judge sentenced her to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to be confined for 90 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

The events leading to Specialist Pitt's court-martial began on the morning of 30 March 2012, when she failed to report to duty and had to be transported by her supervisor to her unit area. Once at the unit, Specialist Pitt became belligerent, angry, and spoke with slurred speech. She disobeyed her platoon leader's order to stand at parade rest and she became aggressive towards her First Sergeant by yelling obscenities and attempting to strike him. Specialist Pitt then struck a noncommissioned officer who was restraining her from striking her First Sergeant. Efforts to calm Specialist Pitt were unsuccessful and the military police were called to the scene. Specialist Pitt continued to scream obscenities and disobey orders to "at ease" until the military police arrived and restrained her. The military police then brought her to the police station for processing.

Specialist Pitt was initially offered the opportunity to resolve the allegations against her under the procedures of Article 15, UCMJ. She turned down that opportunity, demanding trial by court-martial. The chain of command thereafter preferred court-martial charges which ended with her adjudged criminal conviction and punitive discharge.