

## **Lightning Justice!**

On 14 September 2012, at a General Court-Martial, Specialist Leonard L. Ventura, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade Special Troops Battalion, was found guilty of distributing, using, and possessing marijuana. The Military Judge sentenced Specialist Ventura to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for fourteen months, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Specialist Ventura's crimes came to light when he began selling marijuana to CID informants on Schofield Barracks. Over the course of three separate occasions, Specialist Ventura sold a total of approximately 18 grams of marijuana to the informants. On the final occasion, Specialist Ventura was arrested and brought to the CID office. After waiving his rights, Specialist Ventura admitted to distributing marijuana to the informants on Schofield Barracks. He further admitted to distributing an additional 10-11 grams of marijuana on two separate occasions, to possessing over a quarter of an ounce of marijuana, and to smoking marijuana in a motor pool parking lot. Specialist Ventura was later ordered to provide a urine sample for a probable cause urinalysis—the urine sample tested positive for marijuana use.