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I am the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Manager and the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma. Sexual assault is a crime. If you need assistance regarding a sexual assault you may speak to me with the assurance of confidentiality.

Your very best go-to person, someone you also may speak to with an assurance of confidentiality, is your nearest Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA). There should be at least two UVAs in your battalion. Please make it your business to know who they are.

What are your reporting options?

Restricted Reporting allows victims of sexual assault to report to the persons named below without triggering a formal report to PMO, NCIS, and the chain of command. **Restricted Reporting** protects the victim's identity and, except in the rarest of instances, assures confidentiality. Uniformed Victim Advocates, Civilian Victim Advocates, SARCs, Health Care Providers, Marine and Family Service Counselors and Chaplains have confidentiality. All other military members are required to report sexual assaults to law enforcement and their command. UVAs and SARCs can explain the exceptions to confidentiality.

Unrestricted Reporting allows victims of sexual assault to receive appropriate medical treatment, victim advocacy, and counseling services. **Unrestricted Reporting** informs the victim's chain of command, affords maximum protection of the victim from his or her offender, and ensures a thorough investigation of the circumstances of the assault in order to hold offenders accountable for their criminal conduct.

In order to make a fully informed choice about your reporting options and the advantages and disadvantages of both, speak with your nearest Uniformed Victim Advocate. There are several resources that your Victim Advocate will make you aware of including: the DoD SafeHelpline, RAINN, local rape crisis centers and others.

Protect your right to privacy by understanding your reporting options BEFORE you discuss your situation with anyone else – someone who may be compelled by the Uniform Code of Military Justice to report the crime.

You are not alone – help and support is available. And remember, sexual assault is NEVER the fault of the victim.