

The Office of Special Trial Counsel

Independent. Victim Centered. Justice Focused.



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Quick Facts



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To report a crime or find out more information about victim support services visit the website www.army.mil/ostc or at the QR code.



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