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Two More Colorado National Guard Soldiers Charged in Recruiting Bonus Scam

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced today that two more members of the Colorado Army National Guard have been charged with felony theft for fraudulently receiving recruiting bonuses.

Jerry Gerome Wilson (DOB 07/29/75) and Luke Quinn Peelgrane (DOB 02/20/84) both were charged Monday with one degree of theft (F3).

Last month, guard member Christopher Thomas Clark, DOB 02/05/88, was charged with one count of felony theft for receiving \$28,000 in fraudulent recruiting bonuses.

All three men were soldiers in the Colorado Army National Guard. The charges allege that they fraudulently applied for and received bonuses for recruiting people through the Guard Recruiting Assistant Program to join the National Guard. Wilson allegedly received \$43,000 in fraudulent bonuses between 2010 and 2012. Peelgrane allegedly received \$25,000 in fraudulent bonuses between 2006 and 2011.

Clark is due in court Feb. 18 at 8:30 a.m. for advisement. Warrants have been issued for Wilson and Peelgrane but court dates have not yet been set for them.

"These investigations have the full support of the Colorado National Guard," said Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards, the Adjutant General of the Colorado National Guard. "The alleged behavior is inconsistent with the values we stand for and violates the trust of the citizens we serve."

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6.

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