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Subject: Trouble Over Seas

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The S.O.F.A. Agreement is very important to the forward deployed military member. Sufficient information, and proof of wrongdoing must be supplied before the servicemember is turned over. I have been to Turkey where there is no S.O.F.A. agreement, and they tell you before you go on liberty, not to screw up. If you get arrested, there's nothing they can do for you, and you rot in a Turkish prison, where you don't get fed unless family members bring you food, and clothes. That's a hard thing for U.S. families to do. And forget sending it through the mail...It gets "misplaced" by prison officials.

We actually had a guy get arrested, and we never heard from him again. The second time we went back, there were inquiries to his status, and no one had heard of him. Over the course of a year, he disappeared. All he did was steal some insignificant item.

Rape is far more serious, and the natives are likely to vent anti-U.S. tendencies on a helpless representative who "raped" one of their fellow persons. Not a fate I would want to have, for the possibly false allegations of a foreign family whose daughter consented, but the family lost face and pressed charges. Oriental families are big in this respect. "Face" is a major issue, and casual sex is frowned upon in a culture where pre-arranged marriages still take place. If the bride is "ruined", the family will not get the dowry, and the girl becomes an unmarriageable burden to the family.

I'm not saying he's innocent. I am saying investigate carefully. If he did it...

Turn him over.

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