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## PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Specialist assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, died in a PMV-4 mishap 1 Oct 2020, at 0230 local. While traveling south on the highway, the Soldier lost control of his vehicle, veered off of the east shoulder, and traveled an additional 260 feet before landing in a ditch approximately 80 feet east of the shoulder. Soldiers from the unit discovered the mishap scene two days later when the Soldier failed to report for duty and the unit leadership contacted 911. Hawaii State Police and ambulatory services arrived and pronounced the Soldier dead at the scene. Upon discovery, the Soldier was not fastened into his seat, the driver side seat belt was found in the buckled position, and appeared to be fastened underneath the Soldier at the time of the collision. Investigation of the nearby scene and of the Soldier's vehicle showed no evidence that suggested his vehicle was struck prior to exiting the road and landing in the ditch. The Soldier had a blood alcohol content of .28 which was three times over the legal limit (.08). It was reported that the Soldier was driving at excessive speeds while highly intoxicated.

Since FY16, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap is the 23rd PMV-4 fatality of FY21.

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