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Off-Duty Sports, Recreation, and Physical Training Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 37-year-old Staff Sergeant assigned to Fort Polk, Louisiana died in an off-duty sports, recreation, and physical training mishap 31 July 2022 in Whitewright, Texas, at 1451 local. The Soldier was involved in a civilian skydiving mishap and sustained fatal injuries. It was reported that the Soldier was transported to the local medical center and pronounced dead by the attending physician. Currently, additional details are unavailable.

Since FY17, the Army has lost an average of 12 Soldiers a year to off-duty sports, recreation and physical training mishaps. This tragedy was the sixth off-duty sports, recreation and physical training mishap of FY22.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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