

Soldier to face rape charges at Royal Military College, Duntroon

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ANOTHER sex scandal has rocked the ADF, with a 23-year-old soldier yesterday arrested over the alleged rape of a 21-year-old woman at the army's elite Royal Military College, at Duntroon in Canberra.

The man was known to the woman and allegedly entered her residence within the grounds of the elite officer training college before 2am and sexually assaulted her before fleeing, police said.

He was found by detectives and military police about 5am and taken to the ACT watch house. At 2pm he was formally charged with two counts of sexual intercourse without consent.

He will be detained until he appears in the ACT Magistrates Court tomorrow.

The latest charges follow last year's so-called "Skype sex scandal" at the neighbouring Australian Defence Force Academy when a young female air force cadet was allegedly secretly filmed having sex with an army cadet. That triggered six formal inquiries and generated about 1000 complaints of sexual assault and bastardisation at military training academies stretching back half a century.

Army officers attend RMC Duntroon after completing their undergraduate courses at ADFA.

Only defence members or civilians living with them can occupy government-funded housing within the grounds of Duntroon.

Defence sources were unable to say if the woman was the partner or a daughter of a defence member.

The ADF last night confirmed that one of its members had been arrested and charged with sexual offences and that ADF investigators were assisting Australian Federal Police in their ongoing investigation.

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