

## 15.5 Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) Capability Team

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a. The SVIP (formerly known as the Special Victim Capability Team) coordinates common efforts between CID investigators, judge advocates, paralegals, administrative legal support personnel, victim witness liaisons, and other personnel involved in special victim investigations. Each play a critical and interconnected roles in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses, and ensure that the rights of victims are protected (DOD Directive 1030.01 and DOD Instruction 1030.2).

b. The CID field elements will ensure that the criminal investigative process is responsive, as transparent as possible, and that all participants are treated with dignity and respect.

c. The CID field elements will collaborate with the SARCs, VAs, family advocacy program managers (FAPMs), domestic abuse victim advocates (DAVAs), commander(s) and the SVPs, during all stages of the investigation to ensure an integrated military justice capability, to the greatest extent possible, is afforded to support the victim.

d. Each installation is required to establish a SVIP in accordance with DOD Instruction 5505.19 (Establishment of Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP) Capability within the Military Criminal Investigative Organizations (MCIOs), 3 February 2015. The DOD Instruction defines the SVIP as a distinct, recognizable group of appropriately skilled professionals consisting of specially trained and selected MCIO investigators, judge advocates, victim witness assistance personnel to include SARCs, SAPR VAs, FAP managers, and DAVAs, and administrative paralegal support personnel who work collaboratively to investigate allegations of adult sexual assault, domestic violence involving sexual assault and/or aggravated assault with grievous bodily harm, and child abuse involving child sexual assault and/or aggravated assault with grievous bodily harm; and provide support for the victims of these offenses. Each CID field element will coordinate with its local installations, establish communication and develop points of contact for each responsible group and/or individual in the SVIP, and support the SVIP by appointing a special agent (or more) to be a member of the SVIP.

e. The case agent and/or CID SVIP representative will notify the each SVIP member, as appropriate, within 24 hours (immediately for SARC notifications) after determining that an allegation meets the criteria of a special victim offense. Special victim offenses include all sexual assaults, serious child abuse, and serious domestic violence. The contact can occur via personal meeting, telephone conference call, electronic mail or video teleconference (VTC).

f. The CID SVIP representative will collaborate with all SVIP member(s), as appropriate, within 48 hours (without regard to the day of the week) after determining that an allegation meets the criteria of a special victim covered offense. The collaboration can occur via personal meeting(s), telephone conference calls, or VTC(s).

