

Army Sergeant Charged For Allegedly Stealing Munitions

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Dawsonville, Georgia A U.S. Army sergeant has been arrested and charged by local authorities for allegedly stealing over a dozen explosive devices from the Camp Merrill Training Facility. Sgt. Jesse Gray Phillips, 23, was arrested after investigators received an anonymous tip, leading them to find multiple illegal explosive devices, firearms and narcotics in Phillips' vehicle and residence.

Investigators conducted a traffic stop on Phillips' vehicle near his home. A subsequent search of the vehicle reportedly resulted in two military smoke grenades and a handgun. A subsequent search of the suspect's home reportedly led to the discovery of 15 ground burst M115 devices, four blasting caps, an additional smoke grenade, and two rifles.

Following the search of his residence, Phillips was arrested and charged with possession of an explosive device, possession of a controlled substance and possession of dangerous drugs. He was booked into the Dawson County Detention Center but later released under a \$25,000 bond.