

## Soldier in charge of sex assault prevention program accused of sexually abusing subordinates

nydailynews.com



Win McNamee/Getty Images

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), left, greets U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) before a hearing on sexual assaults in the military on March 13, 2013.

Another U.S. serviceman in charge of a sexual assault prevention program is under investigation for sexual abuse — the second in under two weeks, the Army said.

The accused grope dope, an Army sergeant first class stationed at Fort Hood, Tex., faces allegations that he engaged in abusive sexual contact, pandering, assault and maltreatment of

subordinates.

### RELATED: SENATE HEARING ON SEX CRIMES IN MILITARY

The soldier has been suspended, but no charges have been filed, the Army said Tuesday, offering few details about the allegations.

Last week, the Air Force's head of sexual assault prevention was arrested on charges of molesting a woman in a Virginia parking lot.

### RELATED: SEXUAL ASSAULT IS GROWING EPIDEMIC IN U.S. MILITARY

"To say this report is disturbing would be a gross understatement. We have to do better by the men and women serving," Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) said in a statement Tuesday.

Gillibrand is pushing legislation that would allow service members to report sexual assaults directly to military prosecutors, skipping the chain of command.

### RELATED: OBAMA: NO MORE SPEECHES OR TRAINING ON MILITARY SEX ASSAULTS

With News wire services

**Ads by Yahoo!**