include personal data on the owner of
the vehicle. There are also tabs for reg-
istering weapons, bicycles, and pets.
Information on individuals barred
entry to an installation is also main-
tained within VRS.

§ 635.28 Procedures for restricted/un-
restricted reporting in sexual as-
sault cases.

Active duty Soldiers, and Army Na-
tional Guard and U.S. Army Reserve
Soldiers who are subject to military ju-
risdiction under the UCMJ, can elect
either restricted or unrestricted re-
porting if they are the victim of a sex-
ual assault.

(a) Unrestricted reporting. Unre-
stricted reporting requires normal law
enforcement reporting and investiga-
tive procedures.

(b) Restricted reporting requires that
law enforcement and criminal inves-
tigative organizations not be informed
of a victim’s identity and not initiate
investigative procedures. The victim
may allow Sexual Assault Response Co-
ordinators (SARC), health care pro-
viders (HCP), or chaplains to collect
specific items (clothing, bedding, etc.)
that may be later used as evidence,
should the victim later decide to report
the incident to law enforcement. In
sexual assault cases additional forensic
evidence may be collected using the
“Sexual Assault Evidence Collection
Kit,” NSN 6640–01–423–9132, or a suit-
able substitute (hereafter, “evidence
kit”). The evidence kit, other items
such as clothing or bedding sheets, and
any other articles provided by the
HCP, SARC, or chaplain will be stored
in the installation Provost Marshal/Di-
rectorate of Emergency Services’ evi-
dence room separate from other evi-
dence and property. Procedures for
handling evidence specified in AR 195–5,
Evidence Procedures, will be strictly
followed.

(c) Installation Provost Marshals/Di-
rectors of Emergency Services will
complete an information report in
COPS for restricted reporting. Reports
will be completed utilizing the offense
code from the 6Z series. An entry will
be made in the journal when the evi-
dence kit or property (clothing, bed-
ding, etc.) is received. The journal
entry will be listed using non-identi-
ifying information, such as a generic
identifier. An entry will not be made in
the blotter. Restricted reporting inci-
dents are not reportable as Serious In-
cident Reports. Property and the evi-
dence kit will be stored for one year
and then scheduled/suspended for de-
struction, unless earlier released to in-
vestigative authorities in accordance
with the victim’s decision to pursue
unrestricted reporting. Thirty days
prior to destruction of the property, a
letter will be sent to the SARC by the
Provost Marshal/Director of Emer-
gency Services, advising the SARC
that the property will be destroyed in
thirty days, unless law enforcement
personnel are notified by the SARC
that the victim has elected unre-
stricted reporting. Clothing, the evi-
dence kit, or other personal effects
may be released to the SARC for return
to the victim. The information report
will be updated when the evidence is
destroyed, or released to investigative
authorities.

(d) In the event that information
about a sexual assault that was made
under restricted reporting is disclosed
to the commander from a source inde-
pendent of the restricted reporting ave-
nues or to law enforcement from other
sources, but from a source other than
the SARC, HCP, chaplain, or Provost
Marshal/Director of Emergency Serv-
ces, the commander may report the
matter to law enforcement and law en-
forcement remains authorized to ini-
tiate its own independent investigation
of the matter presented. Additionally,
a victim’s disclosure of his/her sexual
assault to persons outside the protec-
tive sphere of the persons covered by
the restricted reporting policy may re-
sult in an investigation of the allega-
tions.

§ 635.29 Domestic violence and protec-
tion orders.

(a) Responding to incidents of spouse
abuse requires a coordinated effort by
law enforcement, medical, and social
work personnel, to include sharing in-
formation and records as permitted by
law and regulation. AR 608–18 contains
additional information about domestic
violence and protective orders.