

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “conduct” means conduct of any kind, including use of surveillance, the mails, an interactive computer service, an electronic communication service, or an electronic communication system.

(2) The term “course of conduct” means—

(A) a repeated maintenance of visual or physical proximity to a specific person;

(B) a repeated conveyance of verbal threat, written threats, or threats implied by conduct, or a combination of such threats, directed at or toward a specific person; or

(C) a pattern of conduct composed of repeated acts evidencing a continuity of purpose.

(3) The term “dating partner”, in the case of a specific person, means a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with such specific person based on a consideration of—

(A) the length of the relationship;

(B) the type of relationship;

(C) the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship; and

(D) the extent of physical intimacy or sexual contact between the persons involved in the relationship.

(4) The term “repeated”, with respect to conduct, means two or more occasions of such conduct.

(5) The term “immediate family”, in the case of a specific person, means—

(A) that person’s spouse, parent, brother or sister, child, or other person to whom he or she stands in loco parentis; or

(B) any other person living in his or her household and related to him or her by blood or marriage.

(6) The term “intimate partner”, in the case of a specific person, means—

(A) a former spouse of the specific person, a person who shares a child in common with the specific person, or a person who cohabits with or has cohabited as a spouse with the specific person; or

(B) a person who has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the specific person, as determined by the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

(Added Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title V, § 551(a)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3256, § 920a; renumbered § 930 and amended Pub. L. 114–328, div. E, title LX, §§ 5401(11), 5443, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2939, 2955; Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title V, § 531(d)(2), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 259.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 930 was renumbered section 929a of this title and subsequently omitted from the Code.

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118–31, § 531(d)(2)(A), substituted “to his or her intimate partner, or to his or her dating partner” for “or to his or her intimate partner” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (b)(3) to (6). Pub. L. 118–31, § 531(d)(2)(B), added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) to (5) as (4) to (6), respectively.

2016—Pub. L. 114–328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section set out elements of stalking and defined terms.

Pub. L. 114–328, § 5401(11), renumbered section 920a of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114–328 effective on Jan. 1, 2019, as designated by the President, with implementing regulations and provisions relating to applicability to various situations, see section 5542 of Pub. L. 114–328 and Ex. Ord. No. 13825, set out as notes under section 801 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title V, § 551(b), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3256, provided that: “Section 920a of title 10, United States Code (article 120a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), as added by subsection (a), applies to offenses committed after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 6, 2006].”

§ 931. Art. 131. Perjury

Any person subject to this chapter who in a judicial proceeding or in a course of justice willfully and corruptly—

(1) upon a lawful oath or in any form allowed by law to be substituted for an oath, gives any false testimony material to the issue or matter of inquiry; or

(2) in any declaration, certificate, verification, or statement under penalty of perjury as permitted under section 1746 of title 28, subscribes any false statement material to the issue or matter of inquiry;

is guilty of perjury and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 75; Pub. L. 94–550, § 3, Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2535; Pub. L. 97–295, § 1(13), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1289.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
931	50:725.	May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 1 (Art. 131), 64 Stat. 142.

The words “in a” are inserted before the words “course of justice”.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1982—Par. (2). Pub. L. 97–295 struck out “United States Code,” after “title 28.”

1976—Pub. L. 94–550 divided existing provisions into an introductory phrase, par. (1), and a closing phrase, and added par. (2).

§ 931a. Art. 131a. Subornation of perjury

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person subject to this chapter who induces and procures another person—

(1) to take an oath; and

(2) to falsely testify, depose, or state upon such oath;

shall, if the conditions specified in subsection (b) are satisfied, be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(b) CONDITIONS.—The conditions referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

- (1) The oath is administered with respect to a matter for which such oath is required or authorized by law.
- (2) The oath is administered by a person having authority to do so.
- (3) Upon the oath, the other person willfully makes or subscribes a statement.
- (4) The statement is material.
- (5) The statement is false.
- (6) When the statement is made or subscribed, the person subject to this chapter and the other person do not believe that the statement is true.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5444, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2956.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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§ 931b. Art. 131b. Obstructing justice

Any person subject to this chapter who engages in conduct in the case of a certain person against whom the accused had reason to believe there were or would be criminal or disciplinary proceedings pending, with intent to influence, impede, or otherwise obstruct the due administration of justice shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5445, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2956.)

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§ 931c. Art. 131c. Misprision of serious offense

- Any person subject to this chapter—
- (1) who knows that another person has committed a serious offense; and
 - (2) wrongfully conceals the commission of the offense and fails to make the commission of the offense known to civilian or military authorities as soon as possible;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct. (Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5446, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2956.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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§ 931d. Art. 131d. Wrongful refusal to testify

Any person subject to this chapter who, in the presence of a court-martial, a board of officers,

a military commission, a court of inquiry, a preliminary hearing, or an officer taking a deposition, of or for the United States, wrongfully refuses to qualify as a witness or to answer a question after having been directed to do so by the person presiding shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5447, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2957.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

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§ 931e. Art. 131e. Prevention of authorized seizure of property

Any person subject to this chapter who, knowing that one or more persons authorized to make searches and seizures are seizing, are about to seize, or are endeavoring to seize property, destroys, removes, or otherwise disposes of the property with intent to prevent the seizure thereof shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, §5448, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2957.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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§ 931f. Art. 131f. Noncompliance with procedural rules

- Any person subject to this chapter who—
- (1) is responsible for unnecessary delay in the disposition of any case of a person accused of an offense under this chapter; or
 - (2) knowingly and intentionally fails to enforce or comply with any provision of this chapter regulating the proceedings before, during, or after trial of an accused;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct. (Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 69, § 898; renumbered § 931f, Pub. L. 114-328, div. E, title LX, § 5401(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2938.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 renumbered section 898 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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