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Officials announce results of Commander-Directed Investigation

DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, Ariz. – Following public allegations that Lt. Col. James Wilkerson fathered a child as a result of an extra-marital affair, Lt. Gen. Robin Rand, the Twelfth Air Force (Air Forces Southern) commander initiated a Commander-Directed Investigation into the claims.

The CDI found sufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations that Lt. Col. Wilkerson fathered a child with a woman other than his wife more than eight years ago. Based on this finding, the CDI investigating official made a recommendation that appropriate administrative action be taken in this incident. In concurrence with his legal advisor, Lt. Gen. Rand accepted the investigating official's findings and recommendations.

Because the incident occurred more than five years ago, it lies outside the statute of limitations for court martial or Article 15 action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice as it relates to adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. In these circumstances, other forms of administrative action represent the sole option available to the commander and he took appropriate administrative actions. In accordance with the Privacy Act, Air Force officials are prohibited from commenting further on administrative actions without the written consent of the individual involved.

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