

Military Expertise: “Collateral” Video Case Study

Facilitator: This is a two-part video. Watch each part, asking the associated questions after the correct segment. Remember that CPT Gadoury volunteered to share this story and proudly served in our profession.

Video summary: CPT Gadoury uses his Military Expertise in order to make a command decision after gaining contact with the enemy. One of his tank sections engaged an improperly identified insurgent vehicle, resulting in two civilian deaths. Instead of reporting this incident to higher, CPT Gadoury continued with the mission on the C2 node in order to not lose the high value target and associated items. Two parts; length: 3:05, 3:52

Notes:

Part 1

- As a group, list what professional knowledge, through training and education, CPT Gadoury possesses.
- CPT Gadoury said, “I had a decision to make whether to call that up to higher, or to let that call die at my level.”
 - Describe how Army professionals use both their competence and character to make decisions? What decision would you make? Why?
- Which fields of expert knowledge is CPT Gadoury using?

Part 2

- CPT Gadoury said to his tank commander, “Roger that, got it, thanks.” By not reporting it higher, how does this decision:
 - Demonstrate operations in accordance with Mission Command?
 - Demonstrate his competence to perform assigned duties and accomplish the Mission?
 - Demonstrate his commitment to perform his duty in adherence to the Army Ethic?
- As a group, share how CPT Gadoury’s decision in this situation demonstrates his Military Expertise.