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**SUBJ: COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE ADDRESSING ARREST OF COAST
GUARD LIEUTENANT**

1. The message below is provided for awareness regarding the recent arrest of a Coast Guard Lieutenant.

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard,

As has been reported, an active-duty Coast Guard member stationed at Headquarters was arrested last Friday on drug and weapons charges. The ongoing investigation also revealed correspondence attributed to him that promoted extremist views and discussed potentially committing violent acts. The proactive efforts and professionalism of the Coast Guard Investigative Service, the Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service, and FBI prevented a potentially dangerous situation from escalating.

Extremism, hate, bigotry, and advocacy of violence have no place in our service. Any individual espousing these behaviors and failing to live by the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty will be held accountable. Through combined vigilance, we will do everything in our power to ensure our Coast Guard is the safest possible environment. We owe nothing less to ourselves and our Nation.

Semper Paratus,

Admiral Karl Schultz
Commandant