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## **PRISONS - VIRGINIA**

### **Clayton v. Commonwealth**

**Court of Appeals of Virginia, Lexington - September 13, 2022 - S.E.2d - 2022 WL 4135504**

After bench trial, prisoner was convicted in the Danville Circuit Court of possession of an unlawful chemical compound by a prisoner, and he appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- Statute providing that it is unlawful for prisoner to procure, sell, secrete or have in his possession any chemical compound which he has not lawfully received is a strict liability offense, and
- Commonwealth was not required to prove that prisoner had knowing possession of the chemical compound.

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