

## Determining Misdemeanor v. Ordinance

### Accessing the Virginia Judicial System Case Status & Information

- Access the Virginia Judicial System at <http://www.courts.state.va.us/>

The screenshot shows the official website for the Supreme Court of Virginia. The browser window title is "The Official Website for the Supreme Court of Virginia - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://www.courts.state.va.us/". The page has a dark blue header with the text "VIRGINIA'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM" and the state seal. Below the header is a navigation bar with three tabs: "For Citizens", "For Legal Community", and "For Students/Teachers". A search bar is located to the right of these tabs. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar and a main body. The sidebar has a red background and contains the following links: Home, Virginia's Court System, Online Services, Case Status and Information, Court Administration, Directories, Forms, Judicial Branch Agencies, and Programs. The "Case Status and Information" link is highlighted in red. A sub-menu is open for "Case Status and Information", showing the following options: Supreme Court of Virginia, Court of Appeals of Virginia, Circuit Court, General District Court, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. The "General District Court" option is highlighted in red, and a further sub-menu is open for it, showing "Case Information" and "Civil Filing Fee Calculation". The "Case Information" option is highlighted in blue. The main body of the page contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the website of Virginia's Judicial System. Our aim is to assure that disputes are resolved justly, promptly, and economically through a court system unified in its structures and administration. This system is comprised of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court of Appeals of Virginia, circuit courts in thirty-one judicial circuits, general district and juvenile and domestic relations district courts in thirty-two districts, and magistrates in offices in thirty-two districts. The administrative office of the courts, known in Virginia as the Office of the Executive Secretary, supports the administration of the court system under the direction of the Chief Justice and the Executive Secretary." Below this message is a list of court levels: Supreme Court of Virginia, Court of Appeals of Virginia, Circuit Court, General District Court, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. To the right of the main content area is a "Quick Links" section with the following links: RSS, What's New, Pay Traffic Tickets and Other Offenses, Employment Opportunities, Find a Local Court, Opinions, Frequently Asked Questions, Legal Links, Site Map, and Maps of Virginia. The taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several open applications, and the system clock showing 8:25 PM.

- In the red column to the left roll your mouse over the 'Case Status and Information', then 'General District Court' and click on 'Case Information'.

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- Use the drop-down arrow to select the court you would like to view and in 'Search Term' enter the Case Number.

Virginia Courts Case Information - Windows Internet Explorer

http://epwsgdp1.courts.state.va.us/gdcourts/caseSearch.do?index=index

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Virginia Courts Case Information

**Virginia Courts Case Information**

Your previous session has been expired due to inactivity. Please start your search again. Sorry for the inconvenience. [Help](#)

Court: \* Petersburg General District (Pay Online)

Search Term: GC12345678-01    
Example: GT00000000-00 Example: GC00000000-00

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Search Type:  Name  Case Number  Hearing Date

Services by Name  Service by Case Number  Reports Due by Case Number

Case Type:  Traffic/Criminal  Civil  All Cases

Case Status:  Active  Inactive  Active/Inactive

Remember Preferences

**Courts Automated Information System**

This is the case management system for General District Courts in Virginia. Cases may be searched using name, case number, or hearing date. Services may be searched using name or case number. Reports Due may be searched using case number. Use Search To Pay button to pay online.

Please be aware payments can not be made the same date as the trial date. The system will be updated overnight and payments can be made beginning at 6:00 am the day after the trial date.

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- When searching by Case Number be sure to choose the Case Number option in the 'Search Type' section.
- If the case number is unavailable you may also search by an offender's name.
- When entering a case number be sure to enter it exactly as it is shown on the disposition, including hyphens.
- Once the court and case number have been entered, click on the 'Search'

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- This will access the Criminal Case Details Page.

**Virginia Courts Case Information**  
Lynchburg General District (Pay Online)  
Traffic Case Details Page: GT08018366-00

<b>Case Number:</b> GT08018366-00	<b>File Date:</b> 12/23/2008	<b>Complainant:</b> BLANKENSHIP, J.W./OFFICER/LPD	<b>Locality:</b> COMMONWEALTH OF VA
<b>Defendant:</b> JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER LAMONT		<b>Defense Attorney:</b>	
<b>Address:</b> LYNCHBURG VA 24501			
<b>Sex:</b> Male	<b>Race:</b> Black(Non-Hispanic)	<b>DOB:</b> 06/16*****	<b>Class:</b>
<b>Charge:</b> TINTED OR SMOKED WINDSHIELD	<b>Code Section:</b> B.46.2-1052	<b>Case Type:</b> Infraction	
<b>Amended Charge:</b>	<b>Amended Code:</b>	<b>Amended Case Type:</b>	
<b>Offense Date:</b> 12/21/2008	<b>Arrest Date:</b> 12/21/2008		

Hearings									
Number	Date	Time	Result	Hearing Type	Courtroom	Plea	Min	Continuance Code	
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<b>Final Disposition in District Court:</b> Guilty	<b>Fines/Costs Paid:</b>	<b>Fine/Costs Paid Date:</b>
<b>Sentence Time:</b> 00Months 00Days 00Hours	<b>Sentence Suspension Time:</b> 00Months 00Days 00Hours	<b>Operator License Suspension Time:</b> 00Years 00Months 00Days
<b>Fine:</b> \$30.00	<b>Cost:</b> \$71.00	<b>Restriction End Date:</b>
<b>Operator License Restriction Codes:</b>	<b>Restriction Start Date:</b>	
<b>VASAP:</b>		

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- To determine if the charge is a state misdemeanor or a local ordinance find the box in the upper right hand corner marked 'Locality'. If this box indicates COMMONWEALTH OF VA the charge should be coded in LIDS as a misdemeanor. All other locality names are to be coded as Local Ordinances..