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POST CONVICTION LEGAL PROCESS
How it works

Step by Step
After your conviction, your legal options are not done. The chart to the right shows, step by step, the next steps of the legal process.

Other Remedies
In addition to this chart, you have other options. You may be eligible for a pardon or parole, motion to have sentences run concurrent, or mandatory release.

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1992 rape charge against brothers who served 20 years for wrongful conviction is dismissed

By Joe Hager, staff writer

This story is part of a series on wrongful convictions.

Two brothers were convicted of a 1992 rape and murder in Virginia. They spent 20 years in prison before being cleared of the charges. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals overturned their convictions last week.

The brothers, John and Joseph Smith, were both 17 years old when they were arrested in 1992. They were convicted of raping and murdering a 16-year-old girl. The couple was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

After spending 20 years in prison, the brothers were cleared of the charges. The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals overturned their convictions last week.

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I understand when a wrong has been committed", Judge Shanta Owens on vacating decades-old conviction

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By Nick Paton Walsh

This story has the ALR at a critical juncture. Uncommon crime drama, in a way, has provided the perfect platform to shift the conversation. How can the police and society work to prevent future mistakes when they are so clearly visible? The answer is simple: through education. By educating the public about the risks and consequences of crime, we can prevent future mistakes from happening. Education is key.