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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

WILLIAM THORPE, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	Case No. 2:20CV00007
v.	)	
	)	JUDGE JAMES P. JONES
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, et al.,	)	
	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

ORDER ON MOTION *IN LIMINE* TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT THAT INMATES IN THE STEP DOWN PROGRAM ARE SUBJECT TO CAVITY SEARCHES

The Court understands the parties' dispute over the term in question and will make appropriate findings of fact based on the evidence without the need to prohibit the speaking of the term at trial. Accordingly, the motion, Dkt. No. 566, is DENIED.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTER: September 22, 2026

/s/ JAMES P. JONES
Senior United States District Judge