

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §55-3C-5

### **§55-3C-5. Making false statement to detain real property; false complaint; civil causes of action; immunity.**

(a) A property owner or their authorized agent who knowingly submits a complaint pursuant to this article in bad faith is subject to criminal prosecution for false swearing, and shall indemnify the law-enforcement agency and its agents for all costs and damages which may arise from a law-enforcement officer's good faith actions pursuant to this article.

(b) A civil cause of action for wrongful removal may be brought by a person who has been removed from a property pursuant to this article, with remedies including restoration of possession, actual costs, damages, and attorney fees.

(c) In a civil action against a law-enforcement officer or law-enforcement agency based on action taken pursuant to this article, any immunity authorized by this code or other applicable authority may be asserted.