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Eating Your Sister's Cannabis Cupcakes Could Cost You Your Clearance



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One way to make your Friendsgiving holiday party more exciting is to bring a pan of marijuanalaced food items. If your crazy thrill-seeking aunt or college roommate winks when they drop that plate of cookies on the table, you may just want to say 'no thanks.'

A Canadian soldier was recently convicted and faces up to four years in prison for giving cannabislaced cupcakes to fellow soldiers during a live fire exercise. The service member was supposedly angry with her unit and did not tell fellow soldiers about the cannabis. The incident shines a light on how increased accessibility of cannabis products can also mean more opportunities for awkward cupcake incidents.

# TRUE OR FALSE: PERIODS OF ABSTINENT ARE CRITICAL TO MITIGATING DRUG ISSUES

A recent Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals case highlights how the prevalence of drug use today is creating more issues for security clearance applicants. The applicant had used drugs almost daily, including several years of abstinence, over the course of a few decades. His appeal is laced with language that indicates a hope for change in marijuana policies at the federal level, along with knowledge of the current prohibitions.

To read the full article, use link below:

https://news.clearancejobs.com/2021/11/24/eating-your-sisters-cannabis-cupcakes-could-cost-you-your-

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## Harvard Chemist on Trial: a Guide to the Charles Lieber Case

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A highly-anticipated trial began today for star nanotechnology researcher Charles Lieber, who stands accused by the US government of actions including lying about his involvement in a Chinese government talent-recruitment programme, and failing to disclose income from China on his tax returns. This is the second trial for an academic accused of hiding ties to China since the Department of Justice (DOJ) launched a controversial initiative in 2018 to prevent that country from using US resources for political gain — and legal experts say its verdict might influence the prosecution of future cases.

As the trial begins, legal experts say it could have a big impact on the US government's controversial China Initiative.

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