



# Court of Appeals Overturns HIV Lawsuit Against Atlanta Police

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A U.S. Court of Appeals has overturned a lower court ruling against the claim of a 40-year-old Georgia man who was denied employment to be a police officer with the Atlanta Police Department (APD) because of his HIV-positive status, according to a Lambda Legal statement. The suit, filed by the plaintiff under the pseudonym “Richard Roe,” has been remanded back to district court. Scott Schoettes, director of Lambda Legal’s HIV Project, says, “Before the appellate court, the City of Atlanta admitted that there are already HIV-positive police officers serving on the force; now they need to explain why your client should be treated any differently.”

To read the Lambda Legal statement, [click here](#).

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