Canadian Court Rules HIV-Positive Man “Dangerous Offender”

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A Canadian court has handed down an indefinite sentence and dangerous offender status to John Aziga, a man believed to be the first in Canada to be convicted of first-degree murder through HIV transmission, *The Vancouver Sun* reports. The dangerous offender designation is reserved for notorious criminals, serial killers and sex offenders and comes with an indefinite prison term, a lifelong supervision order and registration with the national sex crimes database. Aziga, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1996, was convicted in 2009 of two counts of first-degree murder, 10 counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault. He already faces an automatic life sentence of 25 years for the murder convictions but has commenced the appeals process.

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