



# Michael Johnson sentenced to 30 years in prison in Missouri HIV criminalization case

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Bill Dobbs compiled the following list of links to coverage on the sentencing of Michael Johnson to 30 years in prison. First, Dobbs provides a framework for approaching the material.

The first link leads to a detailed report by a local outlet, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch; other links that follow are arranged alphabetically by the media outlet's name. There's plenty to be gleaned by looking over this compilation--the tenor of the headlines, which outlets ran stories. Even more can be learned by clicking on the links and reading or watching. Is the coverage fair or skewed? What sources are included in the story? If photos were used, are they mugshots? Is there material in the story about the larger issue of HIV criminalization? Many stories include perspectives--typically from AIDS prevention organizations or advocates--questioning or even critical of the prosecution and sentencing. Check the reader comments; some reflect other sentiments including support for the prosecution.

[Ex-college wrestler gets 30 years in HIV case in St. Charles County](#)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch | July 13 | by Mark Schlinkmann

[Man Sentenced to 30 Years Prison For Exposing Over 30 Men to HIV & Infecting One](#)

Askkissy.com | July 14 | by Kissy Denise

[Ex-college wrestler gets 30 years for 'recklessly infecting' male partner with HIV and putting four other men at risk](#)

Daily Mail | July 14 | By Alexandra Klausner

[ACT UP/LA's Keiko Lane Asks 'Whose Bodies Matter?' After HIV+ Michael Johnson Gets 30 Years](#)

Frontiers | July 15 | By Karen Ocamb

[Ex-college wrestler gets 30 years in prison for HIV exposure](#)

Fusion | July 14 | By Jorge Rivas

[Outdated HIV laws treat every poz person like attempted murderers](#)

Gay News Network | July 15 | By Nic Holas

[College wrestling star given 30-year sentence for spreading HIV](#)

Gay News Network | July 14 | By Cec Busby

[Former college wrestler gets 30 years for 'recklessly' transmitting HIV](#)

Gay Star News | July 15 | By Darren Wee

[US: As college student, Michael Johnson, 23, is sentenced to 30 1/2 years for HIV exposure, advocates organise and condemn Missouri's HIV-specific law as 'barbaric'](#)

HIV Justice Network | July 14

[Picking Up the Pieces: The Sentencing of Michael Johnson](#)

Human Rights Campaign | July 14 | By Marvell L. Terry II

[Warren Central wrestling champ gets 30 years in HIV case](#)

Indianapolis Star | July 15 | By Madeline Buckley

[HIV Positive Wrestler, Michael Johnson, Gets 30 Years for 'Recklessly Infecting' Male Sexual Partner, Exposing Others](#)

Inquisitr | July 14

[Ex-college wrestler sentenced to 30 years in HIV case](#)

InterMat | July 14 | By Mark Palmer

[Lincoln College Wrestler Sentenced to Jail for Passing HIV](#)

Jersey Girl Sports | July 15 | By Marcelle English

[Former College Wrestler Sentenced to 30 Years for "Reckless" HIV Transmission](#)

Joe.My.God | July 14 | By Joe Jervis

[Former Lindenwood wrestler sentenced to 30 years for exposing others to the HIV virus \[VIDEO\]](#)

KMOV Channel 4 News | Jul 13

[Former wrestler who spread HIV sentenced to 30 years](#)

KSDK Channel 5 News | July 13 | Sam Clancy

[Former Lindenwood wrestler sentenced for HIV exposure](#)

KTVI Fox 2 News | July 13 | By Kevin S. Held

[Missouri man sentenced to 30 years in prison for recklessly infecting sex partner with HIV](#)

LGBT Weekly | July 14

[Johnson Sentenced in HIV-related charges](#)

Lindenlink | July 13 | By Cayla Brown

[Michael Johnson sentenced 30 Years for HIV exposure](#)

Maybe It's Just Me | July 14 | By Victor Kerney

[Sex is not a Weapon, Neither is HIV.](#)

Normal Anomaly | July 14 | By Ian Haddock

[Former wrestler jailed for 30 years for 'recklessly' transmitting HIV](#)

Pink News | July 14 | By Joe Williams

[Former College Wrestler Gets 30 Years in HIV Case](#)

POZ | July 14

[College Wrestler Gets 30 Years in Prison for 'Recklessly Transmitting HIV'](#)

Queerty | July 14 | By Graham Gremore

[College athlete sentenced to 30 years for infecting boyfriend with HIV and having unprotected sex with 4 others](#)

Rolling Out | July 15 | By A.R. Shaw

[Meme](#)

The Backlot | July 15 | By Ed Kennedy

[Michael Johnson Sentenced to 30 Years in Prison for HIV Transmission, Exposure](#)

The Body | July 15 | By Mathew Rodriguez

[Update: Black Gay Man, 23, Sentenced To 30 Years Under Missouri's HIV Criminalization Law](#)

The Mad Professah Lectures | July 13 | By Ron Buckmire

[HIV Experts Decry Sentencing of Michael Johnson in Controversial Case as 'Barbaric'](#)

Towleroad | July 14 6:30 PM | By Jake Folsom

[Former wrestling champion sentenced to 30 years for HIV exposure](#)

United Press International | July 14 | By Fred Lambert

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Windy City Times | July 14 | By Andrew Davis

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