

Soldier With HIV Not Discharged in War Crime Cover-up Case

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A military panel sentenced Staff Sergeant Ray Girouard to 180 days of confinement, reduced his rank, restricted him to his post and reprimanded him, but did not discharge him from the Army, for the cover-up of war crimes after he testified he needed military medical benefits because he is HIV positive, WHAS11.com reports. Girouard was convicted of negligent homicide for the killings of three Iraqi men in 2006 and served more than two years of his 10-year sentence before being released on parole and discharged from the military. Last year, a military appeals court overturned his conviction and ordered a new sentencing hearing for the cover-up of the aforementioned crime. Girouard faces additional military charges for substance abuse and has asked for general, rather than dishonorable, discharge that would allow him to continue to receive medical benefits.

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