

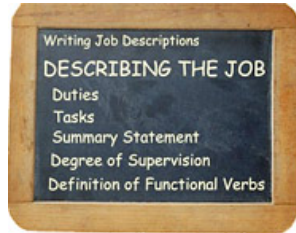
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## To Be a Cop in Georgia


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ATLANTA (CN) - A black officer sued the Sandy Springs Police Department on civil rights charges, claiming he was suspended without pay for "engaging in [sexual] intercourse with suspects as per the instructions by his supervisor," while conducting an "undercover sting that involved an illegal massage parlor," but that white officers who did the same thing were not suspended.

Difficult as this claim may be to believe, it's right there in black and white, in paragraph 15, on page 5 of Jamaal Mayberry's federal complaint.

Mayberry also claims he was subjected to racial slurs from fellow officers at work, and that he was the one who thought of "introducing bicycles [for police officers] into apartment dwellings for improvement on apprehending suspects," but he was "the only one not asked to participate in the pilot program."

Here is the immortal paragraph 15: "The retaliation is further propounded as a result of the plaintiff's alleged misconduct regarding an undercover sting that involved an illegal massage parlor. Plaintiff, while undercover admitted in engaging in intercourse with the suspects as per the instructions by his supervisor, and in accordance with the common practices perpetrated by his fellow officers. This behavior was not only reported by the plaintiff, but had gone unnoticed, and unreported by other fellow officers as well in prior stings. The plaintiff after having reported his behavior was suspended for two days without pay. The plaintiff was singled out, evidence by the fact that he was the only officer that received any actionable reprimand, while others had the same culpability, but were white officers."

Mayberry seeks back pay, compensatory and punitive damages for violations of the 4th and 14th Amendments, violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 1985 et seq., and 42 U.S.C. § 1988 et seq., and a jury trial. He is represented by Curt Thompson of Norcross. 

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