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Judge Blasts NYPD For Treatment of Corruption Fighting Cop

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A former NYPD Detective who endured years of abuse from fellow cops after exposing high level corruption in the Police Department was unfairly denied a high-paying pension, a state judge has ruled.

In a blistering decision, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Louis York said the Police Pension Fund and its Medical Board subjected former Detective Jeffrey W. Baird to a "death of a thousand cuts" by repeatedly rejecting his request for an accidental disability pension without explanation. And added, "he should be lauded for this courage rather than destroyed by the system whose integrity he sought to preserve."

The Detective sought the higher pension in 1998 based on his doctor's diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder.

He claimed his illness resulted from being ostracized and harassed by his colleagues following his undercover work for the Mollen Commission on police corruption. Mr. Baird was forcibly retired with an ordinary disability pension in October 2002.

Mr. Baird's union, didn't look out for him, charged Jeffrey Goldberg, the Detective's attorney. Goldberg added, "no one was looking out from the union side, and the city doesn't look to upgrade anybody."

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City attorneys claimed Baird is not entitled to accident disability retirement. Justice York remanded the decision to the Police Pension Fund for another review.



Justice Louis York