

## Cuomo Administration Continues Retaliation against Famous NY Times Whistle-Blower as Federal Trial Nears

Allegation of sexual abuse of a dog is reported by NY Times whistle-blower Jeffrey Monsour and he is investigated for psychological abuse

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, October 9, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The outright insanity



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Jeffrey Monsour - NY Times

Whistle-Blower

and blatant retaliation continues against Jeffrey Monsour for reporting wide-scale systemic abuse, gross negligence of care and deadly problems that are injuring or costing many innocent people their lives. Instead of the promotion promised Mr. Monsour by Governor Andrew Cuomo himself in May of 2012 the governor has allowed Mr. Monsour to work in a hostile work environment for years. I can personally attest to the ongoing stress, harassment, retaliation and the undue pressures, anxiety, fear of retaliation, false allegations and loss of income that Mr. Monsour has had to endure for years for simply doing his job to protect people with disabilities. Jeffrey Monsour is a hero and a courageous man that has sacrificed much for the sake of the most vulnerable he serves

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/13/nyregion/13homes.html .

"This is how the Cuomo administration reacts when a New York State employee exposes Abuse, Taxpayer Waste, Mismanagement, and the fleecing of BILLIONS of Americas Medicaid dollars. If you dare seek justice in court the Cuomo administration will spend countless taxpayer dollars on attorneys in hopes of concealing the truth from the jury." - Jeffrey Monsour

One of the largest and most deadly matters that Mr. Monsour asked the State to do was to radon test their facilities and group homes to protect the disabled and his fellow workers. New York State acknowledged they knew of these dangers but ignored Mr. Monsour and the immediate safety, health and lives of hundreds of thousands of residents and State and private caregivers. New York State's failure to radon test and mitigate known dangerous mental health facilities and group homes has cost many people their lives. Radon gas is odorless, radon gas is extremely dangerous, and radon gas is deadly. Radon gas and is the number two cause for lung cancer killing 21,000 nationally every year, many hundreds in New York State. What will it take for New York State to simply do what is right and provide safe care and services for people with disabilities? One of the other significant life threatening systemic problems within the New York State mental health care system is the falsifying of fire drills records and false claims that staff were able to get residents with disabilities out of a group home in a timely and safe manner. Mr. Monsour's appeals to the top were ignored and soon after four former Willowbrook residents that came out of a horrible abusive Willowbrook State Institution, which became nationally known because of the horrors that were exposed there by Geraldo Rivera, died in a group home fire. When "life or death" matters are ignored and the safety of our most vulnerable is not the number one concern and whistle-blowers such as Mr. Monsour are treated with scorn and

disdain, obviously people will die due to the gross negligence. A well known civil rights attorney taught me that this is considered "gross and deliberate indifference" or in other words, who the hell cares if this specific group of people live or die, we do not care, and people die as a result. People that believe this way have no business being in any position of authority; they are an extreme danger to innocent people with disabilities that rely on other to care for them with excellence. Massive reforms must take place in New York State's mental health care system, currently 7,800 calls are being reported to Governor Cuomo's wrongfully named and fraudulently operated Justice Center abuse hotline for the disabled that keeps almost everything from the local police. Let me say this again, 7,800 reports a month, these numbers are massive, they are astronomical and the deaths occurring in this unsafe system are between 11 and 13 every single day. Governor Cuomo's top officials are keeping most deaths from being reported to County elected District Attorney's and Medical Examiners which is illegal and allowing State and private



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12,1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15,2007

providers to investigate deaths occurring in their own facilities and group homes. This is why whistle-blowers like Jeffrey Monsour and many others are retaliated against in such ways and pushed out. Mr. Monsour has stood his ground and refused to allow the State of New York to destroy him financially, to destroy his impeccable reputation of caring for our most vulnerable and is taking the State to federal court in November. The horrors and gross negligence will continue to surface until Governor Cuomo and his negligent agencies are sincerely reformed and finally made safe.

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