



11 County officials to fight jury award of \$406,000 to former Youth House worker claiming wrongful termination

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A former Hudson County Youth House worker has been awarded \$406,000 after claiming he was wrongfully fired for being a whistleblower about potentially dangerous juveniles being released into the community on home detention.

A former Hudson County Youth House worker who claims he was wrongfully fired whistleblower was awarded \$406,000 by a jury's decision, much to the dismay of county officials, The Jersey Journal reports.

Joe Perry claims that he was wrongfully fired for being a whistleblower about potentially dangerous juveniles being released into the community on home detention.

But county spokesman Jim Kennelly disputed Perry's claims and characterized the court proceedings as "a botched trial that led to a terrible verdict which the people of Hudson County should not have to pay for."

"This is not a heroic whistleblower," Kennelly said, noting the Feb. 17 verdict will be appealed. "This is someone who went through multiple warnings and was then terminated for not doing his job."

Full story from The Jersey Journal:
Terminated Hudson County Youth House worker wins \$406,000 jury award after suing, saying he was whistleblower wrongfully fired

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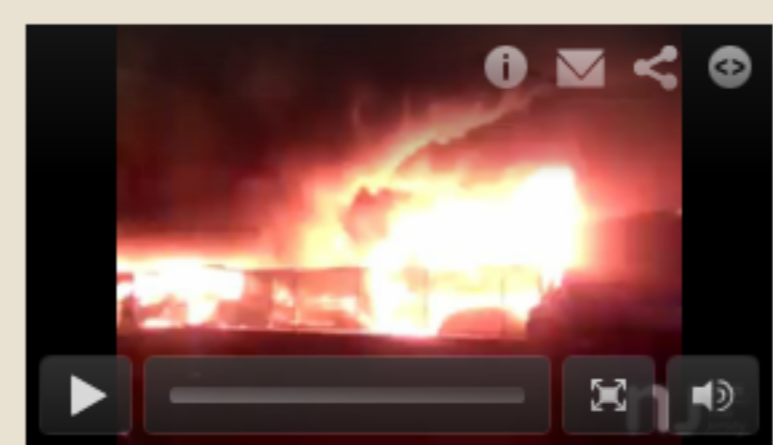
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