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Judge approves settlement with chief

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Both sides had much to say Thursday after a federal judge approved a \$310,000 settlement between the city of St. Charles and former Police Chief Don Shaw, who sued for wrongful termination.

Shaw equates the settlement with winning the 2-year-old case, even though the city admits no wrongdoing.



Don Shaw

"I'm very happy," said Shaw, a 24-year police veteran.

Now a sergeant with the St. Charles Police Department, Shaw contends his demotion was a result of speaking out against corruption under the previous administration.

U.S. District Judge Joan Lefkow recognized that my evaluations exceeded expectations," Shaw said in a prepared statement. "I didn't sell my badge for political people, their causes and campaign contributors."

Former Mayor Sue Klinkhamer continues to deny Shaw's claim that she and former City Administrator Larry Maholland conspired to deny reappointing Shaw as police chief. Shaw's poor performance reviews led to the decision not to reappoint him, Klinkhamer said.

But Shaw contends the move was retaliation for his refusal to fix a traffic ticket for a Klinkhamer ally and for his decision to bust a local bar owner, also a Klinkhamer ally, for selling liquor to underage patrons during an undercover police sting.

Shaw said that Klinkhamer and Maholland gave "murky

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