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Court union big sued in 'threats'

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A WHISTLEBLOWER has filed a \$25 million lawsuit against court officer union boss Dennis Quirk, saying he threatened him for gathering intel on a Staten Island judge.

Former court clerk Michael Pulizotto claims Quirk (right) harassed him to stop him from making complaints against former Staten Island Justice Judith McMahon - the wife of borough District Attorney Michael McMahon.

Papers filed Monday in Manhattan Supreme Court allege that Quirk inflated a giant rat in front of the Staten Island courthouse Sept. 7 emblazoned with Pulizotto's name. Earlier that day, the Daily News reported exclusively that McMahon resigned from her Staten Island post after tapes Pulizotto secretly recorded over a two-year span were turned over to the state attorney general. Pulizotto, who is suing only Quirk, claims he has amassed documentation of Judge McMahon "crossing the line," and "micromanaging the Eric Garner grand jury decision and related release of information."

Quirk's lawyer, **Bruce Baron**, called the suit "as frivolous as it gets," and McMahon's lawyer John Connors called it "absurd."

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