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# Former Lexington Worker Wins Lawsuit

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Anthony Earl Brunt, 55, of Reagan was awarded \$556,784 in damages after a federal judge determined he was discriminated against by the City of Lexington.

"He worked for nine years, digging ditches, installing pipe," said Brunt's attorney, Lewis Cobb of Spragins, Barnett & Cobb.

Cobb said Brunt complained to the EEOC in 2008 that his pay was lower than a younger employee with less experience.

"The city received the complaint August 3. September 3 he was sent to do a job he had never done before and he was fired the next day," said Cobb.

Court documents show the city willfully discriminated against due to age and retaliated after Brunt complained.

"People have the right to question if they're being discriminated against and they can't be punished for asking that question," said Cobb.

Cobb's law partner, Teresa Luna, said this type of case is among the most challenging. "Getting the records from any employer is a very, very tough thing," said Luna. She said when the employer is a municipality it is a even greater challenge.

"If the court awards it, then it's a done deal, regardless of what I think," said Lexington resident, Tammy Beal.

Brunt's attorneys said this case proves when the plaintiff is honest, the law is there to protect you against discrimination and retaliation.