

Most Popular

1. Just after Texas shooting, California Senate passes Texas-style bill...

2. The Bay Area's best roast chicken may be hidden above a suburban

3. SFUSD drops the word 'chief' from job titles to avoid connotation with...

4. Labr offic whe

[e-Edition](#)

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

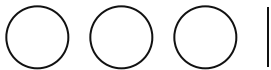
BAY AREA

Jury finds that Oakland officials wrongfully terminated Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick



Megan Cassidy

Updated: May 26, 2022 5:41 p.m.





Former Oakland Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick poses for a portrait on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 in San Francisco, California. Kirkpatrick was unceremoniously terminated by the agency's civilian watchdog group and she sued the city. This week, a federal jury finds that Oakland officials wrongfully terminated her.

Gabrielle Lurie/The Chronicle

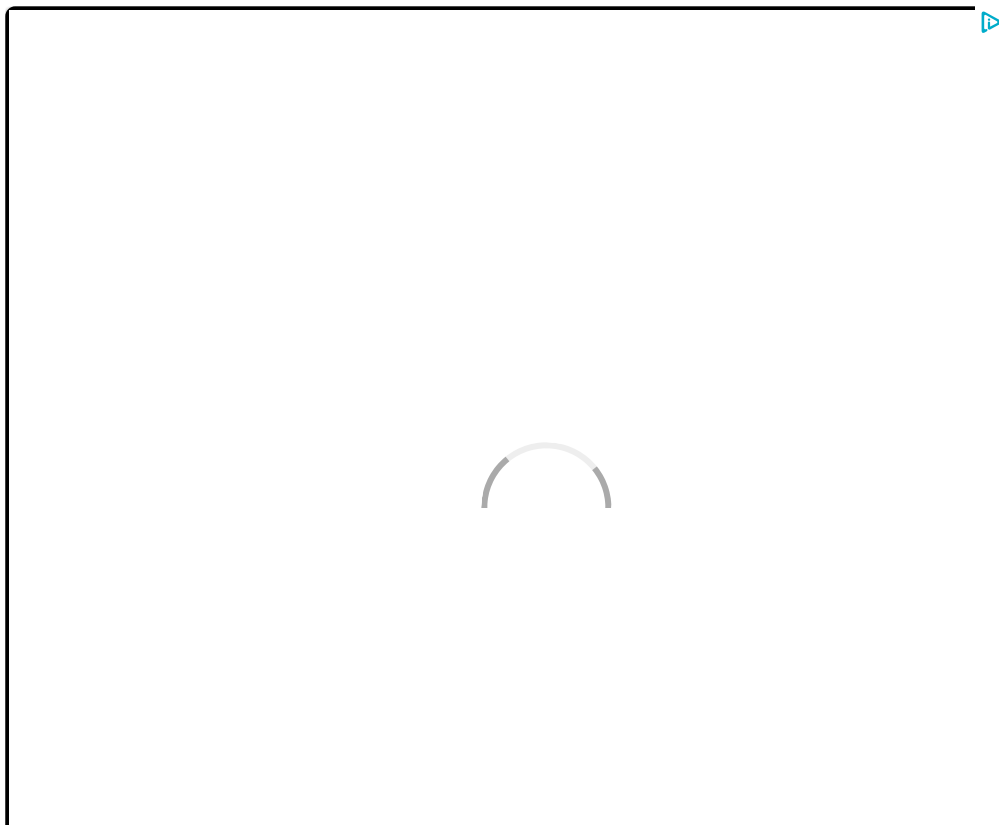
A federal jury on Thursday found that former Oakland Police Chief Anne Kirkpatrick was wrongfully terminated after blowing the whistle on what she

alleged was corruption within the police's civilian oversight commission, a representative for Kirkpatrick told The Chronicle.

Sam Singer, a spokesperson for Kirkpatrick, said the jury awarded the former department head over \$337,000 in a verdict that comes more than two years after she was fired by the Police Commission and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

ADVERTISEMENT

Article continues below this ad





“This is a complete vindication of Chief Kirkpatrick’s whistleblower claims of corrupt actions by the police commission and city of Oakland,” said Sam Singer, who represents Kirkpatrick. “It’s an important moment in the history of protecting public safety in Oakland, and hopefully this judgment will help in the reform of the Police Commission and of politics in the city.”

Kirkpatrick’s complaint alleged that police commissioners routinely sought access to police personnel records, asked for special treatment in their personal affairs and “frequently abuse OPD staff and interfere in day-to-day operations.”

“Put simply, the Police Commission is out of control,” the complaint stated.

Megan Cassidy is a San Francisco Chronicle staff writer. Email: megan.cassidy@sfchronicle.com Twitter: [@meganrcassidy](https://twitter.com/meganrcassidy)

Sign up for the Bay Briefing newsletter

Start your day with the Bay Area's best source for journalism.

Email

SIGN UP

By signing up, you agree to our [Terms of use](#) and acknowledge that your information will be used as described in our [Privacy Policy](#).



Written By

Megan Cassidy

Reach Megan on

Megan Cassidy is a crime reporter with The Chronicle, also covering cops, criminal justice issues and mayhem. Previously, Cassidy worked for the Arizona Republic covering Phoenix police, Sheriff Joe Arpaio and desert-area crime and mayhem. She is a two-time graduate of the University of Missouri, and has additionally

worked at the Casper Star-Tribune, National Geographic and an online publication in Buenos Aires. Cassidy can be reached on twitter at @meganrcassidy, and will talk about true crime as long as you'll let her.

[VIEW COMMENTS](#)

Top of the News

Do San Francisco police get paid to march at Pride?

Shortly after San Francisco police announced they would sit out this year's LGBTQ Pride Parade unless the organizers reverse a controversial ban on uniforms, a former police commissioner weighed in...

BY RACHEL SWAN

S.F. population fell 6.3%, most in nation, to lowest level since 2010

BY ROLAND LI AND SUSIE NEILSON

How to eat your way through Petaluma, Wine Country's best-kept secret

BY JESS LANDER, JANELLE BITKER

Heather Knight: Boudin says he puts victims first. Advocates dispute that

BY HEATHER KNIGHT

Here's how to minimize getting COVID during your summer trip

BY KELLIE HWANG

San Francisco Chronicle

TOP

ABOUT

[Our Company](#)

[Terms of Use](#)

[Privacy Notice /Notice At Collection](#)

[Careers](#)

[Your California Privacy Rights](#)

[Advertising](#)

[Interest Based Ads](#)

NEWSROOM

[Ethics Policy](#)

[News Tips](#)

[Endorsement Process](#)

[Newsroom News](#)

CONTACT

[Customer Service](#)

[Newsroom Contacts](#)

[FAQ](#)

CCPA

[Do Not Sell My Personal Information](#)

SERVICES

[Subscriber Services](#)

[Membership](#)

[e-Edition](#)

[Place an Obituary](#)

[Reprints & Permissions](#)

[Store](#)

[Corporate Subscriptions](#)

[Subscription Offers](#)

[App](#)

[sfgate.com](#)

[Archives](#)

HEARST *newspapers*

©2022 Hearst