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EX-COP GOLDEN TO REVEAL PAST



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After admitting he was once disciplined by the Police Department for losing his gun, cop-turned-City Councilman Martin Golden will release his NYPD record. Golden (R-Bay Ridge), who is battling state Sen. Vincent Gentile (D-Bay Ridge) to represent the newly created 22nd Senate District, has been under pressure for years to release his record. During a television interview with Gentile on New York 1 news last Thursday, Golden said his mother unknowingly threw away the firearm with other items in 1978. "I was on a vacation cruise when it was tossed out with my Lionel trains," he said yesterday. "There was a full [Field Internal Affairs Unit] investigation. It went to a disciplinary hearing.

"According to his police record, which was to be made available today, Golden was found guilty and lost five days' vacation. "That's what the records show," said NYPD spokesman Deputy Chief Michael Collins. He said the department has received several requests for the records in recent weeks. Collins said that under civil service law, the department is limited in the scope of information it can provide. He said anyone who requested the file will receive the documents. They include date of hire and separation,

shield number, Golden's last three evaluations, a record of charges, his last command and commendations. "It's as accurate and complete a record as we can find and release," said Collins. "We've been told by Councilman Golden to release it to any and all that asked.

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" 'Let's see it' Gentile, whose campaign has pressed hard for the release of the NYPD records, said he was surprised when told by a reporter that the records were being made available. "I haven't heard about that," said Gentile. "The records certainly haven't walked through the doors here.

"He said that Golden's NYPD record had been an issue in the City Council race and was raised again by a story in the Daily News in August and again in the New York 1 interview. "After hearing that he lost his gun, people are of course wondering what else is in there," said Gentile. "Let's see it.

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"Golden, who said, "They will never get my disciplinary records" in August, said he changed his mind after appearing on New York 1. "I wanted to end this once and for all," he said yesterday. "My police record, my disciplinary record, my medals.

"Golden, who retired in 1983 with a tax-free pension after he was struck by a car during a chase, has said in his various campaigns that he had received 49 medals. "Now the record is out. I hope they make sure there are 49 medals," he joked. Actually, there are 48. "There are several letters of commendation," said Collins. "Someone may have added one of them to the list of medals.

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