

## Owner of 'Geist', files lawsuit against Salt Lake City Police Department

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SALT LAKE CITY (ABC 4 Utah) A Salt Lake man filed a lawsuit Thursday against the Salt Lake City Police Department and the officer who shot and killed his dog, 'Geist', in June.

"I have three goals given this situation. Number one is to get justice and have this officer removed from the force where I believe he's a danger to the community. I want police to incorporate a formal policy on how they are to deal with aggressive dogs and number three, I'd like to have Utah recognize pets as an extension of the family instead of just a piece of property..." said Sean Kendall, the owner of Geist, a dog shot and killed by a Salt Lake City police officer.

Kendall has another goal: winning a lawsuit he just filed against the Salt Lake City Police Department.

Thursday marks the six-month anniversary since a Salt Lake City Police officer went into a Sugarhouse backyard and shot and killed a dog.

The officer was searching for a missing child in the area.

The homeowner says that didn't give the officer the right to enter his property and kill his dog, Geist.

The owner of Geist, Sean Kendall, says he couldn't reach an agreement with the Salt Lake City Police Department behind closed doors.

So Thursday, he filed the official paperwork to sue the department and the police officer who shot and killed Geist.

"A very deep sense of betrayal, anger, frustration, as well as confusion and fear," said Kendall.

"This officer illegally searched my yard and illegally seized my dog in the form of killing him so now we go to court," said Kendall.

A spokesperson with the Salt Lake City Police Department says they have no comment about pending litigation.

Kendall says he's also working with some state legislators to mandate police training for animal encounters.