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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (ABC 4 Utah) - Sean Kendall filed a civil lawsuit against Salt Lake Police Department, the city, and five officers, asking for \$2 million in damages. This comes nearly a year and a half after an officer shot his dog named Geist in his back yard while police were looking for a lost 3 year old.

Kendall said he's filing the lawsuit because he wants to see procedural changes in how officers deal with dog in the field. He said this lawsuit is his last chance.

"This was a last straw last ditch effort to get policy and training in place that is going to be significant enough to hopefully prevent this in the future," said Kendall.

A panel found that the officer was justified, but the story still caused outrage in the community. At one time the department was negotiating a settlement with Kendal. They rescinded the offer after he posted about it on Facebook and criticized police.

Kendall said he doesn't regret his Facebook post and justified the large amount he's asking for in the lawsuit.

"A lot of people focus on the dollar amount when they look at things like this," said Kendall. "They don't consider the year and a half the almost year and a half that I've spent fighting this the time and effort. The emotional hardship, but that's not what the money is about to me. The money is for change."

According to Kendall it took so long to get to this point because originally he was going to have to have to take out a bond for officers legal fees. A judge recently ruled because of his income that didn't apply to him.

We did ask the city and police department for comment, but they don't respond about ongoing litigation.