

Man acquitted of murder after 3 years in jail sues city, county

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SAN BERNARDINO — A man who spent three years in jail as a murder defendant before being acquitted by a jury has filed an \$18 million lawsuit in federal court accusing the city and county of San Bernardino of violating his civil rights.

Roy Summers, the target of the largest police investigation in the city's history, is joined in the suit by his sister, Karen Carino Mastin, who also was jailed in connection with the alleged crimes.

Describing the police investigation and subsequent criminal prosecution of the 1977 murder case as "unscrupulous," the suit also names top law enforcement officials as defendants.

The suit alleges that officials used or sanctioned tactics including "lying to witnesses, lying in search warrant affidavits, lying while testifying, threatening witnesses to change their stories, embellishing any evidence unfavorable to Summers and a total disregard of evidence which showed that Summers was not the

perpetrator of the crime."

As part of the "plan to 'get' Summers, those actions were also directed against his family and particularly his sister, Mastin, in an attempt to harass, threaten, pressure and jail his family, with the ultimate goal of unfairly convicting Summers," wrote San Bernardino attorney Chuck Nacsin, who prepared the suit.

Named in the 17-page document are nine present or former San Bernardino police investiga-

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