

Summers files claim for millions

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SAN BERNARDINO — Five claims for damages — including one from Roy Summers, who in October was acquitted of murder and kidnapping charges — seeking a total of \$17 million have been filed against the city, city officials said.

Paving the way for a civil suit, the claims seek damages for civil rights violations stemming from the police investigation, arrest and subsequent trial of the 42-year-old Summers.

Summers, now living in the San Francisco Bay Area, was accused in the 1977 north San Bernardino slaying of his former wife and the kidnapping of two of her children, who are still missing.

Joining Summers are Karen Carino, Shirlene Summers Blev, Lee Casner and his wife, Molly, who

have each filed separate claims against the San Bernardino Police Department for its probe into the murder-kidnap case, described as the largest police investigation in the city's history.

"Filing the claims is the first step in pursuing a civil suit against the city for conspiring to violate civil rights," said San Bernardino attorney Chuck Nacsin, who prepared the claims for Summers and Carino.

Each of the claims, the last of which was filed Monday, has been rejected, city officials said.

But, the rejections were expected and necessary as a matter of law before a civil suit could be filed against the city, Nacsin said.

"It's just a question now of when, where and

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