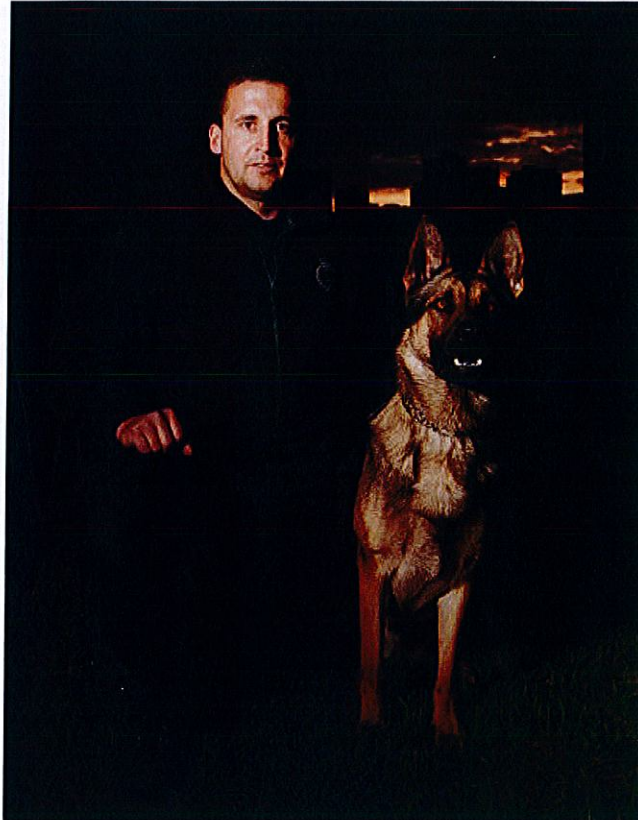


Edmonton cop turns in badge before disciplinary hearing

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Trevor Dzioba retired before his disciplinary hearing.

EDMONTON - An Edmonton police constable turned in his badge the night before his disciplinary hearing was scheduled to continue — for the ninth time.

At the start of the hearing Wednesday morning, Trevor Dzioba's lawyer informed the presiding officer that the 46-year-old was no longer a member of the Edmonton Police Service because he retired at midnight.

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The disciplinary hearing was for unlawful or unnecessary exercise of authority and deceit dating back to an incident in May 2009.

In June 2009, Derwin Ducharme launched a \$450,000 lawsuit against the city, the police chief and Dzioba — a police dog handler at the time — alleging he was seriously injured when a cop dog bit him while he was surrendering.

In a statement of claim, Ducharme alleged he was pulled over in July 2008 while driving a vehicle with no licence plate. He claims he got out of his car, placed the keys on the ground, put his hands above his head and began to walk towards the police officer's vehicle to surrender.

However, Ducharme claims Dzioba deployed the police dog to apprehend him without any prior warning or instruction, despite the fact he was being co-operative.

He alleges the dog attacked him and continued to bite him for several minutes. Ducharme claims he suffered severe bleeding and four puncture wounds to his upper left arm, which caused permanent deformity and muscle damage.

In 2004, Dzioba was found not guilty of assaulting 21-year-old Dustin Bullock.

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