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Man says Mormon church threatened expulsion for abuse report.

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PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona man is claiming he was sexually abused as a Boy Scout and that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints threatened ex-communication when he tried to report it 45 years ago.

Attorneys for the man announced a lawsuit Thursday in Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix against the church, the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a scoutmaster, a scout and church leader and Bishop Floyd Dean Davis.

“The level of negligence in our plaintiff’s life is nothing other than tragic, and we are committed to securing justice on his behalf,” Stephan D. Blandin, of Romanucci & Blandin law firm, said in a statement.

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