STRIP SEARCHES
Before a 1st Video-Appearance
at Rivière-des-Prairies and Bordeaux

Beginning of the Claim Process

A **settlement agreement** has been reached in the class action which challenged the legality of strip searches of individuals taken to the Rivière-des-Prairies and Montreal (Bordeaux) detention centres for the purposes of a first video-appearance.

Who is concerned by this agreement?

All persons who were :

1) Brought for the purposes of a first video-appearance to the Rivière-des-Prairies or Montreal (Bordeaux) detention centres,
2) Between October 11, 2016 and March 20, 2020,
3) Strip searched at the detention centre prior to the video-appearance **and**
4) Released by the Court on the same day, with or without conditions.

What does the agreement provide?

The settlement agreement provides for **a payment of $7,650,000** by the Attorney General of Quebec.

Each claimant will receive $2,000 for each eligible strip search. If there is insufficient funds to compensate each eligible claimant based on this schedule, the agreement provides that priority will be given to compensating each claimant's first strip search.

This does not include strip searches where the person was not released the same day (including situations where the release conditions were not met the same day).

Finally, it does not cover strip searches conducted by police.

To claim

You must complete the claim form in electronic or paper format.

The electronic form is available on the following web page: https://proactio.ca/fouilles**.**

You may obtain a printed Claim Form from the Claims Administrator.

You must submit your Claim Form by March 5, 2024, regardless of whether you submit your Form electronically or on paper.

Contacting the Claims Administrator

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