

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CLAIM FORM

CLASS ACTION REGARDING STRIP SEARCHES PRIOR TO THE FIRST VIDEO APPEARANCE

***Please read these important instructions
BEFORE you begin filling out the form.***

Class members:

We remind you that this class action is only for people who meet all the following criteria:

- 1) taken to the Rivière-des-Prairies or Montréal (Bordeaux) detention centres for an initial video appearance;
- 2) between October 11, 2016 and March 20, 2020;
- 3) strip searched at the detention centre prior to the video appearance;
and
- 4) released the same day by the Court, with or without conditions.

This does **not include** strip searches:

- for which the person was not released on the same day (including situations where conditions of release were not met on the same day);
- performed by police forces.

Fill out one form for all the strip searches you have experienced that are covered by this class action.

Deadline:

You must submit your claim to the Administrator **BEFORE MARCH 5, 2024.**

Claim:

The Court has appointed **the firm of Raymond Chabot Administrateur provisoire (RCAP)** to administer the claim process. The Administrator will work jointly with the ASRSQ.

You must complete only one form per person.

You will be required to declare that all information provided in the Claim Form is true and accurate, under penalty of perjury.

If you need assistance in completing the claim form, contact the Claims Administrator.

Confirmation:

If you are submitting your claim form by mail, please send it to the following address:

Proactio and RCAP inc.
Class action - Strip Searches
600 de la Gauchetière West, Suite 2000,
Montreal H3B 4L8

Please do not fill out the form more than once. If you have any questions about your form, please contact the Administrator at the following address:



Email: fouilles@proactio.ca

Phone number: 438-858-6342

Toll free: 1-866-369-5118

Payment of Compensation:

The amount of compensation you will receive will depend on the number of eligible strip searches you have experienced and will also depend on the number of people who make a valid claim. We will not know the amount until the end of the claim period.

Your compensation will be paid by cheque sent by mail. Therefore, you must notify the Administrator of any change of address.

We cannot estimate when the compensation will be distributed at this time. Visit the Administrator's website to follow the progress of the case: <https://proactio.ca/searches>.

**CLAIM FORM
PRE-FIRST APPEARANCE STRIP SEARCH CLASS ACTION**

SECTION 1 – IDENTIFICATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: DD/MM/YYYY: _____

Current mailing address: _____

** REMINDER: In order to receive your cheque, you must notify the Administrator of any address changes by emailing fouilles@proactio.ca or calling 438-858-6342 or 1-866-369-5118.*

Phone Number(s): _____

Email*: _____

** PLEASE NOTE: If you provide your email address, the Administrator will be able to communicate with you only by email to avoid postal delays.*

** To avoid the Administrator's emails being classified as spam, please add the following email address to your contact list: fouilles@proactio.ca.*

Complete this section if you want to designate a contact person in case we are unable to reach you.

Name of a contact person: _____

Contact person's phone number: _____

Relationship to you (e.g., mother, brother, spouse, lawyer): _____

Note: Even if you designate a contact person, the cheque will be issued in your name.

SECTION 2 – STRIP SEARCHES

Indicate the number of strip searches you have undergone between October 11, 2016 and March 20, 2020 prior to a video appearance at the Rivière-des-Prairies or Montréal (Bordeaux) Detention centres, after which you were released the same day: _____

Complete this section of the form for each strip search.

Strip search 1

On what date were you arrested (approximate date)? _____
DD/MM/YYYY

Tip: If you forgot the date of your arrest, call the Administrator at 438-858-6342 or 1-866-369-5118.

At what detention facility did you undergo this strip search before your first video appearance and before a judge ordered your release?

Montréal (Bordeaux) Rivière-des-Prairies

When the judge ordered your release, what happened afterwards?

I did not have any conditions, so I was released from the detention facility the day of my video appearance.

I met my conditions (e.g., paid a deposit) the same day and was released from the detention centre the day of my video appearance.

I did not meet my conditions on the same day and spent the night following the video appearance at the detention centre.

Strip search 2

On what date were you arrested (approximate date)? _____
DD/MM/YYYY

At what detention facility did you undergo this strip search before your first video appearance and before a judge ordered your release?

Montréal (Bordeaux) Rivière-des-Prairies

When the judge ordered your release, what happened afterwards?

I did not have any conditions, so I was released from the detention facility the day of my video appearance.

I met my conditions (e.g., paid a deposit) the same day and was released from the detention centre the day of my video appearance.

I did not meet my conditions on the same day and spent the night following the video appearance at the detention centre.

If you want to claim for more than two (2) strip searches, attach the schedule of additional searches to your form.

If you are receiving **last-resort financial assistance benefits**, the amounts received through this class action will not affect your monthly welfare benefit calculation.

SECTION 3 – IDENTIFICATION

In order for us to confirm your identity, please provide a copy of a government-issued **photo ID** (for example, your Medicare card or driver's licence). If you are currently detained, you can also send us a copy of your prison ID.

SECTION 4 – SUBMITTING YOUR CLAIM

*REMINDER: You must submit your claim to the Administrator **BEFORE MARCH 5, 2024**, as evidenced by the postmark, if any.*

PLEASE NOTE that your claim is subject to verification by the Administrator.

A person who makes a false statement under oath with intent to deceive commits perjury, which is punishable by criminal charges under section 131 of the Criminal Code.

I, _____ (first name, last name) solemnly declare that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I make this statement believing it to be true and knowing that it has the same force and effect in law as if I were making it under oath.

The _____ (date) at _____ (location, e.g., Montréal)

Signature

OPTIONAL

To help us better reach other class members, please check the ways you heard about this class action:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Detention facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probation services | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer (criminal, prison, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halfway house | <input type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trudel Johnston & Lespérance attorneys' website | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Action Registry | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ |