

Legal Notice re:  
**Federal Strip Search Class Action Certification**

Were you held in a federal penitentiary between June 18, 1992 and December 31, 2024? A lawsuit may affect you. Please read this carefully.

**What is this case about?** The lawsuit says suspicionless strip searches in federal prisons in the following circumstances were and are illegal and unconstitutional: (1) when leaving a prison; (2) when entering or leaving a secure area; (3) when entering a family visitation area; and (4) in prison-to-prison transfers. Canada denies these claims. The court has not ruled on these claims.

**Who is included?** All individuals imprisoned in a federal penitentiary between June 18, 1992 and December 31, 2024 (the “Class”) are included automatically, unless they opt out (see below). **You do not need to sign up to join the Class.** There is no money available now and no guarantee there will ever be any. If money is awarded, notices will be posted in prisons about how to ask for a share. If you have a non-prison postal address, phone number, or email address, you can get on a list to receive those notices (see below).

**What are my options?**

**Stay in:** To stay in the class action, you do not have to do anything. You will be legally bound by all orders and judgments, good and bad, and you will not be able to sue Canada about the legal claims in this case.

**Get out by opting out:** To get out of the class action, you must opt out by December 28, 2025. You will not get any money or benefits from this class action (if any are awarded) but you will be allowed to start or continue your own lawsuit about the legal claims in this case (subject to any applicable time limitation periods). To be removed, send a completed Opt Out Form to the postal or email address below by December 28, 2025 (mail postmark date or email sent date). You can get an Opt Out Form at [proactio.ca/federalstripsearch](http://proactio.ca/federalstripsearch). Inmates can get an Opt Out Form by asking a CSC employee for a copy. A copy must be provided within 48 hours of any request, in the official language of the inmate’s choice.

**How do I get on your mailing list?** To receive future notices by email or to postal addresses outside of prison, send your name, birth date, Fingerprint Section (“FPS”) number, and contact information to: [proactio.ca/federalstripsearch](http://proactio.ca/federalstripsearch), (844) 967-3702, [federalstripsearch@proactio.ca](mailto:federalstripsearch@proactio.ca) or at the following mailing address : .

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**Additional details:** The lawsuit asks for orders to stop suspicionless strip searches in the allegedly illegal situations, money compensation, and other relief. The representative plaintiffs are Michael Farrell and Kimberly Major. The law firms of Elson Advocacy, St. Lawrence Barristers, and Trudel Johnston & Lespérance are lawyers for the Class. They will be paid legal costs only if the lawsuit is successful, in an amount approved by the Court, or from a cost award for a successful motion. The representative plaintiffs have received indemnification against adverse costs awards and support for disbursements from the Class Proceedings Fund (“CPF”), which supports class actions that affect the public interest. The CPF will receive a levy in the amount of 10% of any awards or settlements and a return of any funded disbursements. No legal fees will be owed to the lawyers for the class and no levy owed to the CPF if the lawsuit is unsuccessful. You may participate and hire your own lawyer to appear for you, but if you do, you may have to pay that lawyer.