

Strip searches after a release order

Notice of judgment

A **settlement agreement** has been reached between the Attorney General of Quebec and the representative of the class action who challenged the legality of strip searches conducted after a release order was approved by the Superior Court.

Who is concerned by the agreement?

All persons who were strip searched:

- 1) between 13 July 2006 and 1 July 2011;
- 2) in one of the following detention centres: Bordeaux, Rivière-des-Prairies, Roberval, Saint-Jérôme or Québec (male sector);
- 3) following a court order that they were to be released, and
- 4) that all conditions for their release had been duly completed at the time of the strip search

What does the agreement provide?

The settlement agreement provides for a **payment of \$4,144,950** by the Attorney General of Quebec. This amount covers the compensation of members, the fees of the representative's lawyers and all administrative and legal costs.

The agreement provides that each claimant will receive an indemnity of \$1,000 for each eligible strip search undergone after a release order between July 13, 2006 and July 1, 2011, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per person (maximum of one eligible search per day). Should there be insufficient funds to compensate each eligible claimant according to this scale, the agreement provides that the indemnities will be distributed based on the number of eligible claims.

This agreement does not include strip searches that occurred in a detention centre that were not subsequent to a release order.

Similarly, it does not cover strip searches conducted by the police.

Finally, it does not apply to strip searches conducted in a detention centre when the conditions of release had not yet been met.

To claim

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

The electronic form is available on the following web page: [<https://asrsq.ca/recours-collectif>].

You can obtain a printed claim form from the Claims Administrator.

You must submit your claim form by 16 January 2022, regardless of whether you submit your claim in electronic or paper format.

Contact the claims Administrator:

[**Association des services de réhabilitation sociale du Québec**, 1340 St Joseph Blvd E, Montreal, Quebec H2J 1M3; **mailing address:** recours@asrsq.ca; **Website:** <https://asrsq.ca>]

Do not hesitate to contact them if you would like more information.