

Lawsuit filed by Ontario man who allegedly got stolen human tissue in surgery

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WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) - A class action lawsuit has been filed on behalf of Canadian patients who allegedly received bone and tissue stolen from corpses.

At the core of the \$210 million suit is a 68-year-old retiree in Windsor, Ont. Clarence Renaud has been told by Health Canada and hospital officials that he got illegally harvested bone and tissue as part of a routine back surgery.

Renaud's lawyer says his client is "fearful" about what diseases could have been in the unscreened material.

One of the defendants in the suit is the now-defunct Biomedical Tissue Services of Fort Lee, N.J.

It's alleged the company secretly carved up bodies from funeral homes and sold the parts for use in transplants across the United States and Canada.

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