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Canadian Veteran Injured at 2023 Invictus Games Sues Federal Government for Abandoning Him

London, Ontario – Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) veteran Rank (Ret'd) Scott Snow has filed a multi-million dollar lawsuit against the federal government after suffering severe, life-altering injuries while representing Canada at the 2023 Invictus Games—only to be denied medical coverage, rehabilitation assistance, and financial support upon his return.

During a wheelchair rugby match on September 10, 2023, missing and faulty chair safety equipment—meant to prevent injuries—caused Snow's chair to topple backward during competition, resulting in fractures to his cervical and lumbar spine, a torn quadriceps muscle, and head trauma. Despite the severity of his injuries, CAF-endorsed medical personnel failed to conduct proper assessments or provide adequate after-injury care.

Upon returning to Canada, Snow sought medical assistance through his CAF sponsors but was shocked to learn that **no insurance coverage existed for his injuries**. Repeated requests for support from the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) and senior CAF officials have been met with bureaucratic delays, indifference, and outright refusal, leaving Snow to cover substantial medical costs on his own. Snow's lawsuit seeks accountability and systemic changes to ensure future CAF athletes are properly protected and supported.

Statement from Phillip Millar, Lawyer for Scott Snow

"The CAF claims to stand by its wounded soldiers, but actions speak louder than words. Scott Snow represented Canada with pride at an event meant to uplift injured veterans—only to be abandoned when he needed support the most. It defies logic that the CAF would send athletes to compete in a nationally sponsored event without insurance or basic safety standards. Snow's case exposes a disturbing truth: the CAF's support disappears when it's needed most. If they can turn their backs on wounded soldiers like Snow, they will turn their backs on anyone."

Scott Snow's Commitment to the Invictus Games

Despite his betrayal by the CAF, Snow remains a strong supporter of the Invictus Games and its mission.

“The Invictus Games stand for resilience, recovery, and honoring wounded warriors. My fight isn’t with the Games—it’s with the CAF, which sent me to represent Canada and then abandoned me after my injury,” says Snow. “I dedicated years to serving in the CAF and leading my fellow soldiers, believing that loyalty to those who serve is sacred. But when I turned to the CAF for injury support after the mission they sent me on, I was met with silence and deflection. Coming to terms with the fact that the organization I gave my career to, doesn’t care about me has been the hardest truth to accept. I don’t recognize the CAF I once knew.”

Legal Action Filed

The Statement of Claim, filed on February 11, 2024, in Federal Court, seeks damages for:

- Medical expenses (past and future)
- Rehabilitation and home modifications
- Pain and suffering
- Emotional distress and PTSD
- Lost income and earning potential

The lawsuit alleges:

- The CAF failed to ensure proper medical oversight and safety precautions.
- The CAF failed to secure adequate insurance for its competing athletes.
- The CAF’s negligence led to Snow’s life-altering injuries and long-term suffering.

A Call for Change

Snow is urging CAF leadership to take responsibility and ensure no other Canadian soldier or veteran faces the same neglect. He has also requested a meeting with senior Invictus Games Federation officials to discuss improving safety protocols and ensuring future competitors receive proper support.

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