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Canada Cartage is sued for shorting overtime pay

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A nearly 100-year-old trucking company headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, is the target of a \$100 million class action lawsuit. Canada Cartage is accused of shorting many of its 3,500 employees on overtime pay.

Toronto attorney Ian Matthews of Lax O'Sullivan Scott Lisus LLP is representing the plaintiffs. He says the lawsuit covers 3,000 to 4,000 workers, including truck drivers, who've been employed by Canada Cartage at any time since March 1, 2006. The class action lawsuit includes current and former employees. The case was filed Nov. 8 in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

"The way it got started, we were introduced to a former employee named Marco Baroch who said he never got overtime unless he worked over 60 hours a week," said Matthews.

Matthews said in checking out that claim, a systemic problem was discovered in the trucking industry for not paying overtime. Baroch worked as a shunter at a Canada Cartage location in Mississauga for about seven years. He is the representative plaintiff in this class action.

According to court documents, in one case, when a worker complained, the company allegedly started paying him overtime – but reduced his regular pay by the same amount.

Matthews said the law firm had established a website to provide more information on the class action lawsuit. It can be found at Canadacartageclassaction.com.

A call to Canada Cartage in Mississauga was not returned.

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