

## **Loving family treated as “criminals” by Health Canada!**

*Natural supplements, readily available in the US, treated as illicit drugs*

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Never in a million years would I expect to be telling fellow god-fearing Canadians what happened to my family and I. Having a life-time of working for the community, and caring for people, it seems hardly possible that this kind of humiliation would be allowed. Instead of being applauded for being a good citizen and helping people recover their health in a safer, more natural way, we were treated as if we were nasty criminals, dealing in drugs. I have never been more ashamed of my fellow Canadians as now, and I am very willing to talk about it.

*The following events are shocking and especially when one discovers that they've happened in Canada.*

On a beautiful morning in the middle of January, my wife answered the door. RCMP officers, and one with his gun drawn, burst through. I heard the officer say ‘not cool, that is not cool; I heard my wife say “Please put the gun away! We are no harm to any of you. We are humanitarians, not criminals.”

Unbeknownst to us, my daughter was having the same thing happen at her house. They forced themselves in giving the warrant to her roommate, and even kicked in her bedroom door. The warrant was for my wife and I, not for our daughter.

The RCMP officers who came to our house said that we were not under arrest, but we weren't free to leave either. We were forced to sit in our living room where we were watched like hawks anytime we moved. We sat for 11 hours. If washroom breaks were needed, an RCMP officer went with us and stood at the door. I asked him “Why is an escort necessary?” He said “people do strange things under these circumstances.” OH YOU THINK.

“This is not right. I want to call my lawyer,” I said. My request was granted. I detailed the events to my lawyer and he told me to follow the Health Canada agents and document what they were taking and make photographs for future reference. I told the RCMP officer my intention and he said “no, you stay where you are.” With the exception of one officer the others refused to disclose their names, give business cards or even their badge numbers; they said everything will

be documented in their paperwork- so we do not need to know any information – one day we would get it.

One officer said that we needed to sit where we were. He said we are treating you very low key. We *could* place you in a holding cell till the search and investigations are concluded, but we don't think it's necessary if you cooperate. This officer said, "Your lawyer knows nothing about this matter and probably has no relevant knowledge; he's advised you wrong." We sat restricted in our own home and they prevented us the right to view the Health Canada agents searching our entire residence, even violating the privacy of our bedroom. I said to this officer, "It seems like we are then under arrest?" He answered, "No you are just being detained." He asked me if I had a home safe, and I answered "yes but for personal items." He said it's necessary that it be opened, "but even if the contents are personal?" "Yes," once opened a Health Canada agent photographed its contents. Later he told me "it's a good thing you told me of the safe for if you had lied it would have been much worse." I relayed the safe matter to my lawyer and he said they had no legal right; and yet they did.

You may ask why I am telling my story, it's because matters like these need to be brought into the light. Abuses of power from public servants are getting out of hand. If we don't voice our concerns things will only worsen with other Canadian residents. My family was shamed and humiliated by the actions of the RCMP and the Health Canada agents. They laughed together and acted like they were at home. We didn't. As my family sat together we discussed how these transgressions can happen in Canada, especially an item like folic acid; it's been 30 days since the raid and now we're looking for the answer.

The Helsinki Accord for Human Rights and Section 8 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms clearly states "Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search and seizure". Section 7 of the Charter also guarantees every person's right to life, liberty and the security of the person. Health Canada and officers from the RCMP violated these rights.

If this can be done to my family what will Bill C-6 implement?

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**It gives you something to think about doesn't it?**

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