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LANCE ARMSTRONG'S FORMER DOCTOR WANTS TO STOP 'THE PROGRAM' FILM RELEASE, REPORT SAYS

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ROME (AP) — Lance Armstrong's former physician has reportedly filed a lawsuit aiming to halt distribution in Italy of a movie about the disgraced cyclist.

The ANSA news agency reports that lawyers for Dr. Michele Ferrari have requested that the "The Program" — due to be released in Italy on Thursday — be sequestered from distributor Videa and are seeking damages.

Lawyers say Ferrari never administered EPO to Armstrong.

Ferrari's lawyer Dario Bolognesi did not immediately answer calls from The Associated Press.

Ferrari is played by French actor Guillaume Canet in the film, which is directed by Stephen Frears.

Ferrari was banned for life for helping athletes use performance enhancing drugs by both the Italian Cycling Federation and the U.S. Anti-Doping Association.

Armstrong has acknowledged that Ferrari was his trainer until 2004.

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Ferrari is full of it. Read the book "The Secret Race" by Tyler Hamilton. Tells the whole story. Ferrari was just so much smarter than the testers none of them had a chance of catching him

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October 8, 2015 at 10:06 AM

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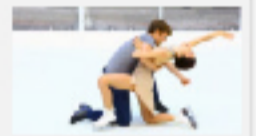
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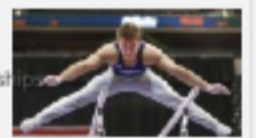
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