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As I noted on NPR's This American Life: When Patents Attack Pt. 2 <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/496/transcript> :

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About three years ago this time of the year, my father passed away from a heart attack.

He's an engineer. And his father's death had spurred him to invent a low-cost heart monitor, which he believed might have saved his dad's life. He developed a prototype in a graduate school class. And he'd started dreaming a bit.

Nick Desaulniers
You know, I got really excited about it. And I was thinking, maybe I can make a business out of this. My grandfather started his own business.

My father made his own business. I need to make my own business someday. So this was something I was really thinking, like, hey, I can make a business out of this.

But then he started a patent search to see if anyone else had come up with something resembling his idea already.

I was horrified at how generic some of the patents were-- "a system for remotely monitoring physiological signals." What the hell does that mean? There are so many ways, so many variables.

How are you getting the data from point A to point B? There are so many ways to do that. And this patent, it covers-- I guess it covers them all.

And seeing some of the numbers that these companies are going back and forth suing each other for, I'm

terrified to create a business because of the patent system. I'm horrified. And I'm scared.

And I'm not going to create a business because of it. So however many jobs I could have created or however many lives I could have saved, that's it.

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