

## SCRAP METAL HAULER SENTENCED 180 DAYS IN JAIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

**WINDSOR**—Kevin Briggs, a scrap metal hauler in Essex County, has been sentenced to a total of 180 days in jail after being convicted of three waste management offences.

Kevin Briggs operates a scrap metal hauling business in Essex County under the unregistered name Active Junk Recycling.

The Court heard that in June 2004, Briggs was hired by a manufacturing and tool shop located on Silver Creek Industrial Drive in Tecumseh to remove scrap steel, and empty, full and partially full barrels of liquid industrial wastes.

Briggs and his assistant deposited the barrels at two rural properties occupied by acquaintances who were told that the storage would be temporary. However, Briggs failed to return and remove the barrels. The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) was eventually contacted about the matter.

An investigation conducted by the MOE's Investigations and Enforcement Branch revealed that Briggs did not have a Certificate of Approval (C of A) to operate a waste management system, nor were there Cs of A issued for waste disposal at the two rural properties.

Following the investigation, charges were laid.

Justice of the Peace Allan Murphy found Kevin Briggs guilty of operating a waste management system without a C of A, and two counts of depositing waste at an unapproved site. The first offence was a violation of section 27(1)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*, and the latter two offences were violations of section 40 of the *EPA*.

Briggs was sentenced to 60 days in jail consecutive for each offence. Prosecuting counsel was unopposed on this matter, as Briggs failed to attend the trial.

Justice of the Peace Murphy sentenced Briggs on October 26, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor.

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