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## **A & P CANADA CO. FINED \$47,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

TORONTO, Ont. – A & P Canada Co., formerly The Great Atlantic and Pacific Company of Canada, a grocery store chain operating numerous stores across Ontario and Quebec, was fined \$47,000 on October 26, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

On January 11, 2006, a Ministry of Labour inspector conducted an inspection at A & P Canada Co.'s Food Basics grocery store near Dundas St. West and the East Mall in Toronto. While inspecting a compactor used to bundle cardboard, the inspector found that a safety mechanism intended to prevent the machine from compacting while a door to the compactor was open had been disabled. This allowed workers access to the interior of the compactor while the machine was operating which could have resulted in a worker's hand or arm to become caught in the compactor when it was compressing cardboard. No worker was injured.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the defendant failed to ensure that a cardboard compactor was equipped with and guarded by a guard or other device that prevented access to an exposed moving part that may endanger the safety of any worker.

A & P Canada Co. pleaded guilty, as an employer, to failing to ensure that the measures and procedures prescribed by section 24 of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments were carried out, as required by Section 25(1)(c) of the act.

The fine was imposed by Justice of the Peace Jane Frederick of the Ontario Court of Justice at Old City Hall in Toronto. In addition, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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Court Information at a Glance

<b>Location:</b>	Ontario Court of Justice Old City Hall, Courtroom C Toronto, Ontario
<b>Judge:</b>	Justice of the Peace Jane Frederick
<b>Date / Time:</b>	October 26, 2006, 9 a.m.
<b>Defendant:</b>	A & P Canada Co., formerly The Great Atlantic and Pacific Company of Canada
<b>Matter:</b>	Occupational Health & Safety

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