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## **LAUREL VIEW HOMES (BARRIE) INC. FINED \$65,000 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATION**

BARRIE, Ont. – Laurel View Homes (Barrie) Inc., a North York, Ont.-based construction company, was fined \$65,000 on December 4, 2006 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in a serious head injury to a worker at a residential construction site in Barrie.

On April 14, 2003, a worker was on a second-storey roof installing vinyl siding trim when the worker fell a total of almost 5.48 metres (18 feet), first striking a first-storey roof before landing on the ground. The worker suffered a skull fracture. The incident occurred at a partially-built, two-storey single family dwelling on Birkhall Place in Barrie. The house was being built by Laurel View Homes (Barrie) Inc. The worker was employed by Alcona Aluminium Inc., which had been contracted by the constructor to install vinyl siding.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found the worker was not wearing any fall protection equipment.

Laurel View Homes (Barrie) Inc. pleaded guilty, as a constructor, to failing to ensure the worker wore fall protection equipment to prevent the worker from falling, as required by Section 26.1(2) of the Regulations for Construction Projects. This was contrary to Section 23(1)(a) of the act.

The fine were imposed by Justice of the Peace James Oates of the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie. 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

**Location:** Ontario Court of Justice  
56 Mulcaster Street, Courtroom 1  
Barrie, Ontario

**Judge:** Justice of the Peace James Oates

**Date / Time:** December 4, 2006, 1 p.m.

**Defendant:** Laurel View Homes (Barrie) Inc.

**Matter:** Occupational Health & Safety

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