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LANDLORD FINED \$3,000 FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER VIOLATION

KINGSTON — A Kingston property owner has been fined \$3,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for violating the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Robert Gary Anderson is the owner of property at Part Lot 15 Concession 5, in Kingston and the landlord of the six residences situated on the property.

The Court heard that on August 2, 2004, following a complaint by one of the tenants about the drinking water, the Ministry of the Environment's Drinking Water Compliance Branch contacted Anderson and confirmed that all six residences were being supplied water by a common well source. It was also determined that this drinking water system was a regulated facility and subject to the provisions of Ontario Regulation 170/03 as a "Non-Municipal Year-Round Residential" drinking water system.

On August 20, 2004, a Provincial Officer's Order was served on Anderson, requiring him to provide the ministry with a list of all laboratories that had conducted tests on the drinking water supply. Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, Anderson was charged.

Anderson pleaded guilty to one charge of failing to comply with the Order, contrary to Section 140(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and was fined \$3,000, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Lorraine Watson heard the case in the Provincial Offences Court in Kingston, Ontario, on February 23, 2006.

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