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VEHICLE OWNER FINED \$1,500 FOR A *DRIVE CLEAN* OFFENSE

BURLINGTON — Douglas Traxler has been fined \$1,500, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation under the Environmental Protection Act.

On October 27, 2004, the Ministry of the Environment received a complaint from an accredited *Drive Clean* test facility which suggested suspicious activity on the part of Traxler.

The Court heard that on November 8, 2004, Traxler submitted to a Ministry of Transportation Licence and Issuing Office in Oakville a false *Drive Clean* Vehicle Emission Inspection Report to secure licence plates for a 1991 Dodge Spirit. He subsequently received the licence plates, ownership, registration and a licence plate sticker for the vehicle.

The ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch laid charges following an investigation that determined that Traxler had submitted a false Vehicle Emission Inspection Report.

Traxler pleaded guilty to a charge of submitting false or misleading information to a person involved in carrying out the *Drive Clean* Program of the Ministry of the Environment, contrary to Section 184(2) of the Environmental Protection Act and was fined \$1,500, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace William T. Phipps heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington, Ontario, on February 21, 2006.

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