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## THREE COBOURG AREA RESIDENTS FINED \$3,500 FOR A *DRIVE CLEAN* OFFENCE

**COBOURG** — Peter Allan Wapshaw, Ronald D. Boyd and Ross Carter have been fined a total of \$3,500 after pleading guilty to a violation involving the *Drive Clean* Program.

The Court heard that in May 2005, Wapshaw applied for renewal of his 1986 Ford pickup truck's vehicle permit and provided a false Vehicle Inspection Certificate Number (VICN) to a Ministry of Transportation office in the town of Brighton.

A query of the Ministry of the Environment's *Drive Clean* database revealed that the VICN provided by Wapshaw was actually associated with a *Drive Clean* test performed on an unrelated vehicle.

The investigation further revealed that Wapshaw did not take his pickup truck in for emissions testing. Instead he obtained a false Vehicle Emissions Inspection Report with a false VICN from Carter. Wapshaw passed it on to Boyd, who was aware that the document was invalid and who also submitted it on Wapshaw's behalf, to the MTO licensing office for renewal of the vehicle permit.

Following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch, charges were laid.

Peter Wapshaw, Ronald Boyd and Ross Carter each pleaded guilty to one count of submitting false or misleading information to a person involved in carrying out an MOE program, contrary to Section 184(2) of the Environmental Protection Act. The Court fined Wapshaw and Boyd \$1,000 each, plus a victim fine surcharge, and Carter was fined \$1,500, plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Allison Forrestall heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Cobourg, Ontario, on June 7, 2006.

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