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

BURLINGTON — David McAlpine has been fined \$1,500 after pleading guilty to one count related to the *Drive Clean* Program.

On June 11, 2004, McAlpine visited a Service Ontario Kiosk in Burlington to renew the licence plate sticker for his 1995, GMC S15. Following the computer prompts at the self-serve kiosk, McAlpine entered a false Vehicle Inspection Certificate Number and received his renewal sticker.

The Court heard that on December 7, 2004, the Ministry of the Environment followed up on a complaint from the Ministry of Transportation about McAlpine's renewal.

A search of the *Drive Clean* database revealed that the certificate number submitted by McAlpine was originally issued to a another vehicle.

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

McAlpine pleaded guilty to submitting false or misleading information to 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 Prior N. Bonas heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Burlington, Ontario, on May 16, 2006.

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