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TWO MEN FINED \$4,200 FOR DRIVE CLEAN OFFENCES

KINGSTON — Jose V. Masucol and Carlito S. Co have been fined a total of \$4,200 after pleading guilty to two counts each related to the *Drive Clean* Program.

The Court heard that when Masucol applied to the Ministry of Transportation to transfer ownership of a 1987 Mercedes-Benz to his name in November 2004 he submitted a false emission report.

The Court also heard that in May 2005, Masucol applied to MTO to renew the vehicle permit for a 1986 BMW and again submitted a false emissions report.

In both cases Masucol's cousin, Carlito Co, provided the false reports.

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

Jose Masucol and Carlito Co each pleaded guilty to two counts of submitting false or misleading documentation to a person carrying out a program of the Ministry of the Environment contrary to Sections 184(2) and 186(1) of the Environmental Protection Act. Masucol was fined \$1,500 for each count, plus victim fine surcharge (VFS). Co was fined \$600 for each count, plus VFS, for total fines of \$4,200 plus VFS.

Justice of the Peace Fred M. Ross heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Kingston, Ontario, on May 4, 2006.

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