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## **TRAILER PARK OWNER FINED \$1,600 FOR VIOLATING THE ONTARIO WATER RESOURCES ACT**

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — A Trailer Park owner has been fined \$1,600 after pleading guilty to a violation under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA).

Jim Caputo is the owner and operator of the Landslide Trailer Park located at 15 Fish Hatchery Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The Court heard that on November 5, 2004, Provincial Officers from the Ministry of the Environment responded to an odour complaint from residents at Landslide Trailer Park. A Public Health inspector with the Algoma Health unit was also at the scene in response to a complaint of an open sewage pit.

The Officers and the Public Health inspector investigated septic tanks for two trailers. The Court heard that septic tanks needed repair and the tile bed was not being maintained.

On November 8, 2004, a Provincial Officer's Order was issued to Caputo. Item #3 of the Order required Caputo to submit a written report to the Ministry of the Environment detailing the condition, state of repair, maintenance and operation of the entire sewage works, including recommendations by December 30, 2004. The report was submitted after the deadline.

Caputo did not comply with the Provincial Officer's Order by December 30, 2004, and following an investigation by MOE's Investigations and Enforcement Branch charges were laid.

Caputo pleaded guilty to failure to comply with an item of a Provincial Officer's Order, contrary to Section 107(2) of the OWRA, and was fined \$1,600 plus a victim fine surcharge.

Justice of the Peace Kathleen Bryant heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on June 14, 2006.

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