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## **RICHMOND HILL MAN FINED \$32,000 FOR VIOLATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

**RICHMOND HILL** — William Gunn has been fined a total of \$32,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, for violating the Environmental Protection Act.

The Court heard that Mr. Gunn had arranged for the deposit of approximately 100 truckloads of food, restaurant and grocery waste on his rented property, though the property did not have a Certificate of Approval as a waste disposal site. The waste resulted in off-site odours. In May, 2004, an order was issued to Mr. Gunn and his landlord, 767561 Ontario Limited, to remove all waste by June 30, 2004. The order was not fully complied with, with a large amount of waste left on the site.

William Gunn was charged following an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

Mr. Gunn was found guilty of five counts of violating the Environmental Protection Act by failing to comply with a condition of a Provincial Officer's Order, and for offences related to the collection of waste. Mr. Gunn was fined a total of \$32,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, with the sentence imposed in September of last year.

In an earlier decision, Mr. Gunn's landlord, 767561 Ontario Limited, pled guilty to one count of failing to comply with a condition of a Provincial Officer's Order, and was fined \$1,000, plus a victim fine surcharge, and given 90 days to pay. Justice of the DeBartolo heard the landlord's guilty plea in the Ontario Court of Justice in Richmond Hill, on January 9, 2007.

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