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STORE MANAGER FINED \$5000 AFTER OBSTRUCTING INSPECTOR

FORT ALBANY, Ont. – Hector Ugarte, manager of Fort Albany Northern Store, was fined \$5000 on February 19, 2009, for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), after obstructing a Ministry of Labour health and safety inspector.

On February 25, 2008, an inspector with the Ministry of Labour was conducting a routine inspection of the Fort Albany Northern Store in Fort Albany. The manager, Mr. Ugarte, refused to cooperate or speak to the inspector.

Hector Ugarte was found guilty under the OHSA of hindering, obstructing, molesting or interfering with an inspector in performance of his duty under the OHSA.

The fine was imposed by Judge Ralph Carr. In addition to the fine, the court also imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge on the total, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

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For Further information:

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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice Peetabeck Academy Community Centre Fort Albany, Ontario
Judge:	Judge Ralph Carr
Date of Conviction:	February 19, 2009
Defendants:	Hector Ugarte
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	Section 62(1) of the OHS Act
Crown Counsel:	Line Forestier

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