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BUSINESS OWNER FINED \$20,000 AFTER WORKER KILLED

TORONTO, Ont. – David Bruce Grimshaw, owner of Home Aid Masonry, also known as HAM Masonry Services, located in Toronto, was fined \$20,000 on February 24, 2009, for violations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), after a worker was killed.

On November 14, 2007, workers employed by Grimshaw were on a scaffold repairing masonry at a project on Spadina Avenue in Toronto. While one of the workers was on the top tier of the scaffold, it collapsed. The victim fell more than six meters (20 feet) to the ground and died of head injuries at the scene. Another worker who fell from the second tier of the scaffold suffered minor injuries.

A Ministry of Labour investigation found that the scaffold was missing several components, including vertical and horizontal bracing, connecting devices, and one jack screw. The scaffold was also not properly secured to the building.

David Bruce Grimshaw pleaded guilty under the OHSA to failing as an employer to ensure that the scaffold complied with the provisions required by the Ontario construction regulation.

The fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Clement Edwards. 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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Court Information at a Glance

Location:	Ontario Court of Justice 60 Queen St. W., Courtroom C Old City Hall Toronto, Ontario
Judge:	Justice of the Peace Clement Edwards
Date of Conviction:	February 24, 2009
Defendants:	David Bruce Grimshaw, carrying on business as Home Aid Masonry, also known as HAM Masonry Services
Matter:	Occupational Health and Safety
Conviction(s):	Ontario Regulation 213/91, section 128(1)
Crown Counsel:	Catherine Glastier

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