

## Kenneth Schiestel Fined \$20,000 For Improper Use Of Pesticide

**WALKERTON** – On March 14, 2012, Kenneth Schiestel pleaded guilty to one violation under the Pesticides Act for the improper use of a pesticide causing harm or discomfort to a person.

The Court heard that Mr. Schiestel is a licensed exterminator with a retail company that specializes in pesticide applications to farm lands throughout the Grey and Bruce Counties. In 2010, the ministry received a phone call to report that Mr. Schiestel had commenced spraying pesticide on a field while another person was standing nearby. The spray plume of the pesticide came in contact with the nearby individual who developed a skin rash shortly thereafter. The ministry attended the site and collected samples.

Mr. Schiestel was charged following an investigation by the ministry's Investigations and Enforcement Branch.

Kenneth Schiestel was fined \$20,000 plus the victim fine surcharge, and was given six months to pay the fine.

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