

Accidents, Injuries and Fatalities

BURLINGTON, ON, Aug. 26 /CNW/ an Oakville automotive parts manufacturer, was fined \$200,000 on August 18, 2003 for a violation of the Occupational Health and Safety Act that resulted in the death of an employee. As well, three supervisors were each fined \$10,000 for one violation of the act.

On February 27, 2002, a press operator was operating a 750-ton press when the operator was struck by a 10-kilogram (22-pound) ram block was ejected from the press. The operator died in hospital on March 1, 2002 as a result of the injuries sustained in the incident. The employer pleaded guilty, for, to failing to ensure the press was locked out while the ram block was between the upper and lower dies, as required by Section 76 of the Regulations for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 25(1)(c) of the act. In addition, three supervisors each pleaded guilty to jointly failing to ensure the press was locked out while a ram block was between the upper and lower dies, as required by Section 76 of the Regulation for Industrial Establishments. This was contrary to Section 27(1)(a) of the act. The Court of Justice in Burlington imposed the fines. In addition to the fines against the company and supervisors, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge, as required by the Provincial Offences Act. In addition, three supervisors each pleaded guilty to jointly failing to ensure the press was locked out while a ram block was between the upper and lower dies, as required by Section 76 of the Regulation for Industrial Establishments.

Supervisor Fined \$10,000 for Employee's Death

Supervisor has been fined \$10,000, plus a 15 per cent victim fine surcharge, by a provincial judge in Edmonton Alberta after pleading guilty to one charge under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The charge was for failing to take reasonable care to protect the health and safety of other workers under his supervision.

Charges in Trench Collapse

York Regional Police has arrested a Newmarket man in connection with a trench collapse in King Township on April 19, 2004, that claimed the life of a 38-year-old Toronto man. He has been charged with one count of Criminal Negligence Causing Death. He was supervising the deceased and another man as they repaired a drainage problem with the foundation. The men had been using a mini-excavator to dig a 12-foot trench at the front of a garage. The deceased was working inside the excavation when the ground gave way and he became trapped by heavy dirt. When emergency services arrived on scene, he had