



Media Release

Richmond Hill Contractor Guilty of
Removing Safety Control

Wonderful Heating-Cooling Prosecuted for Removing Safety Control

Court issues \$6000 penalty

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, March 4, 2016) – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), has successfully prosecuted a Richmond Hill heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractor, Wonderful Heating and Cooling, for bypassing a safety limit control on fuel-fired equipment, creating a serious hazard for Toronto homeowners.

In February 2014, a TSSA inspector investigated a fire at a Toronto dwelling, along with Toronto Fire Services and Enbridge Gas, and upon further investigation discovered that the HVAC contractor, Wonderful Heating and Cooling, had bypassed a safety switch on the fuel-fired furnace. Installing an air conditioner, Mr. Shaofa Li, owner/operator of Wonderful Heating and Cooling, had bypassed a high temperature limit switch, a safety device that cuts the power supply to the furnace when excessive temperatures are detected.

Mr. Li pleaded guilty in the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto to rendering the safety limit control inoperative on a furnace, contrary to the Gaseous Fuels Regulation under the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*. The court fined Mr. Li \$6000, plus the mandatory 25% victim surcharge, for a total penalty of \$7500.

“These are serious violations that put the homeowners in real danger,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “Thankfully no one was hurt, but public safety shouldn’t be left to luck. That’s why Ontario has stringent laws around fuel-fired equipment, including the integrity of safety devices that essentially protect the consumer.”

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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