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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, May 22, 2015) – Ontario’s public safety regulator, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), successfully prosecuted a Belleville man for working on fuel-fired equipment without a TSSA-issued gas technician certificate and not being registered as a fuels contractor.

In May 2013, a TSSA inspector confirmed that a residential propane fireplace and piping had been installed by an uncertified gas technician. Mr. Michael Caul of Hastings County, Ontario was identified, issued cease and desist orders, and subsequently prosecuted.

Mr. Caul pleaded guilty in the Ontario Court of Justice in Belleville to installing a gas appliance without being the holder of a certificate for that purpose and without registering as a fuels contractor, violating the *Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000*. Although these offences normally carry fines in the thousands of dollars, the court gave Mr. Caul a suspended sentence and one year probation, noting his extenuating personal circumstances.

“Potentially lethal risks can be created if a fuel-fired appliance is not properly installed,” said John Marshall, Director of TSSA’s Fuels Safety Program. “Anyone installing, repairing or servicing fuel-fired appliances must possess a valid TSSA certification and heed all applicable safety standards.”

If in doubt of a technician’s certification, contact TSSA toll-free at [1-877-682-8772](tel:1-877-682-8772) to confirm whether a gas technician is properly certified.

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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