



# Rural resident gets jail time for welfare fraud

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*The Champion*

Tibor Nagy will spend up to six months in jail after pleading guilty to defrauding the Region of Halton of more than \$22,000 in social assistance.

The Campbellville resident was sentenced in Oakville provincial court October 16 after pleading guilty to fraud over \$5,000 and perjury on August 21. The charges against his wife, Frances Nagy, were withdrawn the same day.

Judge Douglas Latimer also ordered the 62-year-old man to serve one-month con-

current for perjury and to pay \$15,000 in a compensation order to the Region, said assistant Crown Andrew Goodman.

In order to collect the \$15,000, the Region has to take Mr. Nagy to court, Mr. Goodman said. "We don't usually get real-jail time for fraud, especially welfare fraud," he said. "It sends a good signal out to the community and to the individual (Mr. Nagy) as well."

The charges against Mr. Nagy were laid December 15, 1999, after a four-month investigation by the Region. Mr. Nagy was charged with fraud for incidents that occurred between March 1, 1997 and April 30, 1999, in which he collected welfare while he was employed.

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