

Meritor is fined \$90,000 in 2005 workplace accident

A Milton manufacturing company has been fined \$90,000 after a worker was seriously injured in a workplace accident two years ago.

The company, Meritor Suspension Systems, is located on Steeles Avenue East — just south of Martin Street — and makes steel products for the automotive industry.

The fine was imposed at a Burlington courthouse February 26 after Meritor pleaded guilty to violating the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

On December 23, 2005, a worker was greasing bearings on a conveyor as part of preventative maintenance when his foot got caught and was pulled into the conveyor, reported the Ontario

Ministry of Labour.

A supervisor tried to shut off the power, but couldn't because the switch had protective gates around it. The supervisor then tried using an emergency stop button, to no avail.

Finally, he pulled a disconnect switch located 80 feet away and the conveyor stopped.

The worker suffered injuries to his left leg and foot, including the loss of the top of a big toe and a crushed bone above the ankle.

MSS Holdings Limited, the corporation operating as Meritor, pleaded guilty to failing to ensure the conveyor was adequately locked during the preventative maintenance.

Hornby man charged in gas station robbery last spring

A Hornby man has been charged in connection with an armed robbery that took place last year near Milton.

On April 10, 2006, two men armed with a handgun entered the Esso gas station at Steeles Avenue East and Trafalgar Road in Halton Hills. The men accosted

the male store clerk and locked him in a storage room, police said.

They then stole lottery tickets, a cash register keyboard and a magnetic card reader.

Although traumatized, the victim wasn't injured.

A 41-year-old Ninth Line resident was arrested

last Tuesday and has been charged with robbery and forcible confinement.

Police are continuing to investigate. Anyone with information is asked to call (905) 825-4777, (905) 634-1831, ext. 2417, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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