

**CAMPER FINED FOR LITTERING****NEWS**

June 17, 2008

An Orillia resident has been fined \$1,000 for littering.

Ryan Simko, 24, pleaded guilty to the charge under the Public Lands Act.

Court heard that on November 11, 2007, a conservation officer located an abandoned campsite in the Township of North Kawartha. The occupants of the site had left behind broken beer bottles, beer cans, broken spotlight, broken radio and a ripped tent which was still set up. The officer conducted a lengthy investigation which resulted in Simko being identified as one of the occupants of the site. Simko was charged with littering.

Justice of the Peace Carl Young heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on June 12, 2008.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).