



Crane Company Fined \$120,000 After Worker Permanently Injured

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SARNIA, ONTARIO - Following a trial, Sterling Crane Division of Procrane Inc., has been fined \$120,000 in provincial court after a worker was struck by part of a crane and suffered permanent injuries.

On May 6, 2012 - the day before the incident - two employees of Sterling Crane stowed a jib alongside the boom of an 1100 National Crane, a boom-type truck, owned by Sterling Crane. This activity took place at the Sterling Crane yard located at 696 Polymoore Drive in Corunna, Ontario.

The next day, an employee of Sterling Crane who was employed as an operating engineer was operating this boom truck at the Imperial Oil Sun Junction station on Sun Avenue in Sarnia, Ontario. The employee was at the controls, on the driver's station, lifting the boom of the crane. During the process of lifting the boom, the jib, which was attached to the crane's boom, fell from the boom and struck the employee. The employee sustained critical injuries and as a result suffered permanent injuries.

After a trial, the defendant was convicted of failing to provide information, instruction and/or supervision to its worker to ensure that the jib was stowed on the boom properly and in accordance with the operating manual issued by the manufacturer. The company was fined \$120,000 by Justice of the Peace Susan Whelan in Sarnia court on September 21, 2016.

In addition to the fine, the court imposed a 25-per-cent victim fine surcharge as required by the Provincial Offences Act. The surcharge is credited to a special provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

Court Information at a Glance

Location:

Provincial Offences Court/Ontario Court of Justice

700 N. Christina Street

Sarnia, Ontario

Judge:

Justice of the Peace Susan Whelan

Date of Sentencing:

September 21, 2016

Defendant:

Sterling Crane Division of Procrane Inc.

696 Polymoore Drive

Corunna, Ontario

Matter:

Occupational health and safety

Conviction:

Occupational Health and Safety Act

Section 25 (2)(a)

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