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The Private Security Authority

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Publican in Meath Prosecuted by the Private Security Authority

20 January 2012: Noel Leavy of Noel Leavy & Co. Limited, The Square, Oldcastle, Co Meath was found guilty today of employing unlicensed door supervisors. Judge McMahon convicted Noel Leavy of breaching the Private Security Services Acts, 2004 and 2011. Fines and costs totalling €2,300 were imposed on Mr Leavy.

The prosecution was taken by the Private Security Authority (PSA) following a visit to the New Naper Arms Hotel by the Authority's inspectors in April 2011. The inspectors found two unlicensed doormen working at the premises. These premises had been visited by the inspectors on a previous occasion when unlicensed doormen were also identified and at that time Mr Leavy was made aware of the requirement to engage licensed individuals as door supervisors.

Ms. Geraldine Larkin, CEO of the Authority stated: "This judgement by the courts is welcomed by the PSA who will continue to take every action against pubs, night clubs and other clients who employ unlicensed operators. The PSA is committed to supporting those who comply with licensing requirements and the raising of standards within the industry."

All door staff must be licensed by the Private Security Authority and wear an identity badge when on duty. Further information on PSA licensing can be found on the Authority's website, www.psa.gov.ie. This website also contains a register of licence holders and is a useful tool for businesses and the public who can ensure that their security provider is licensed by checking the details on the register.

The Private Security Authority is the statutory body with responsibility for licensing and regulating the private security industry in Ireland. The Authority is an independent body under the aegis of the Department of Justice and Equality.

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