

**FIFTH UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR
SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED THIS MONTH BY THE
PRIVATE SECURITY AUTHORITY**

Wednesday 25th November 2009: The Private Security Authority achieved its fifth successful outcome in a prosecution case in November at Navan District Court. John Curtis t/a Tara Alarms from Robinstown, Navan, Co Meath pleaded guilty to two charges for breach of the Private Security Services Act 2004. Mr. Curtis was operating as an Installer of Intruder Alarms without a licence.

Judge John Fitzpatrick convicted Mr Curtis on one count and the other count was taken into consideration. Mr Curtis was fined €500 and ordered to pay Costs of €2000. He was given 30 days to pay and in default 45 days imprisonment.

This court decision follows the conviction of Joe Carroll t/a Joe Carroll Electrical at Enniscorthy District Court on Wednesday 18th November.

In the intruder alarm sector this brings to 14 the number of successful prosecutions against unlicensed installers.

Ms Geraldine Larkin, CEO of the Authority stated "We are committed to removing unlicensed operators from the security industry and will continue to pursue and take prosecutions against those who break the law."