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Press Release

Successful Unlicensed Prosecution by the Property Service Regulatory Authority

Court fines of €15,000 for Unlicensed Trading Prosecution by the

**Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA)
at Thurles District Court against
Mr Patrick Strapp, Twomileborris, Thurles, Co. Tipperary**

On Tuesday 18 February 2020, Mr Patrick Strapp, Twomileborris, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, was convicted at Thurles District Court for breaches of Section 28 of the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011, following a prosecution by the Property Services Regulatory Authority (PSRA) for unlicensed trading.

Mr Strapp, was convicted on all five counts relating to the provision of property services during 2017 and 2018 in circumstances where he was not at the time the holder of a PSRA licence. Mr Strapp did not appear in court. Judge Elizabeth McGrath deferred sentencing of Mr Strapp until Tuesday 15 September 2020 and also the matter of costs.

On Tuesday 15 September 2020, Judge Elizabeth McGrath dealt with the matter of sentencing and costs. Mr Strapp again did not appear in court. Judge McGrath imposed the following fines on Mr Strapp:

Count 1: €3,000, with 6 months to pay
Count 2: €3,000, with 6 months to pay
Count 3: €3,000, with 6 months to pay
Count 4: €3,000, with 6 months to pay
Count 5: €3,000, with 6 months to pay

Judge McGrath further made an award of costs in favour of the PSRA in the sum of €8,147.16, with 6 months to pay.

The PSRA's Chief Executive, Ms Maeve Hogan, speaking following the court case said, "This was an excellent outcome for the PSRA and demonstrates the zero tolerance for which the PSRA has for property services providers operating without a licence". Ms Hogan reminded members of the public to only use the services of licensed property services providers and the Register of Licensed Property Services Providers is available on the PSRA's website www.psr.ie"