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Media Statement

Tax invoices identify illegal dumper

A landscape gardener, who left incriminating documents in a trailer-load of waste he discarded on a Jandabup roadside, has been convicted of illegal dumping.

Mark Anthony Patrick Moore (34) failed to appear in the Joondalup Magistrates Court but was fined \$3500 by Magistrate Deen Potter and ordered to pay \$328.70 in costs.

The court heard that on Tuesday 6 June 2017 covert surveillance cameras captured the accused's white Toyota Hiace van towing a trailer filled with household waste.

He drove to Warbrook Road where he off-loaded the contents of the trailer—including a couch, washing machine, paperwork and other household waste—near the entrance to Sydney Road.

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) inspectors found a number of tax invoices amongst the dumped waste—identifying the accused and his landscaping business.

DWER Senior Manager Investigations for the Illegal Dumping Program, Matt Warnock, said investigators had worked with the City of Wanneroo and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to bring the case to court.

“I hope successful prosecutions like this will deter ‘would-be’ dumpers’,” he said.

“Instead of making sure the waste was properly disposed of at a landfill, this person chose to illegally dump it—potentially impacting people’s health and the environment.”

DWER conducts more than 200 illegal dumping investigations every year and monitors covert surveillance across the State.

Anyone who witnesses [illegal dumping](#) can report it to the Department’s 24-hour Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or via pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au



Moore's trailer-load of household waste – dumped on Warbrook Road in Jandabup

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