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Tell-tale paperwork at scene foils illegal dumper

The State's Illegal Dumping Program tracked down a 27-year-old Joondanna man, after he dumped a tip truck load of rubbish in the middle of a Malaga road—including paperwork displaying his client's address.

Iain Joseph Mintern, who did not appear, was convicted and fined $10,000 in the Perth Magistrates Court for dumping the household rubbish on 6 June 2016 on Camboon Road— including a filing cabinet with the paperwork, as well as furniture, garden waste, a bicycle and cardboard boxes.

A Department of Environment Regulation (DER) investigation determined Mr Mintern had been paid by a Duncraig homeowner to properly dispose of the unwanted goods. Magistrate Joe Randazzo said it was an unacceptable act of dumping on a roadway and the penalty imposed reflected the need for punishment and deterrence.

DER Acting Director General Dan Volaric said the Department's investigators would continue to take action against illegal dumpers under the Illegal Dumping Program.

"This offender was paid to correctly dispose of unwanted household waste and instead decided to dump the materials right in the middle of the road, putting people's health and the environment at risk," he said.

"The case also saw the City of Swan spend nearly seven hundred dollars to clean up the site, which would have been borne by ratepayers if Mr Mintern had not been apprehended. To this aim, we will continue to patrol hotspots, work with our partners and monitor covert cameras across our State as part of our Illegal Dumping Program, which conducts around 220 illegal dumping investigations a year."

In addition to the fine, Mr Mintern was ordered to pay $685.28 to cover the cost of disposing of the waste and $742.50 in court costs. Illegal dumping can be reported to DER's 24-hour Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au

The household waste dumped in the middle of Camboon Road in Malaga.

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