

Covert Camera Project

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Uses

- ▶ Main intended use is for illegal dumping
- ▶ Has been used in other programs to assist the Department
- ▶ Occasionally is used to support other agencies

How we find sites

- ▶ MoDNR Regional Offices
- ▶ Concern Line (phone or online)
- ▶ Prosecutors (staff)
- ▶ County Commissioners
- ▶ Law Enforcement (City, County, State)
- ▶ Media (least desirable)

How a Site is Assessed

- ▶ Site visit
- ▶ Age of waste (postage, newspapers, expiration dates on jars, foliage, decomposition)
- ▶ Lots of photographs
- ▶ How often dump is used
- ▶ Ability to hide camera effectively

Dumpers

- ▶ Who do we think of when it comes to dumpers? Poor? Criminal history? Little education?
- ▶ Let's see who we have caught

Preston Dump

- ▶ Pharmaceutical research analysis that fly's to Canada weekly to work.
- ▶ 3 teens cleaning out grandmas garage.
- ▶ Laborer tossing out his weekly beer bottles



Drouste Dump

- ▶ Neighbor that thought it was his right.
(Knew he didn't own the property)
- ▶ Elderly Caterer.
(her 70th Birthday was a week after we interviewed her)
- ▶ Teen who's father told him to.



13th Street

- ▶ Boss orders two guys to dump tires
(one is his son-in-law)
- ▶ Tree trimmers
- ▶ Rental property owner



Film Review and Interviewing

- ▶ What we look for
- ▶ How we learn who is in the film (plates)
- ▶ Meet with County Prosecutor
- ▶ Interviewing and Reports

The Law

- ▶ Missouri Revised Statutes Section 577.070 – *Littering.*
- ▶ *Class A Misdemeanor*
- ▶ *Up to \$1,000 fine*
- ▶ *Up to 1 year in jail*

Common Results

- ▶ 2yrs unsupervised probation (all)
- ▶ Court Costs (\$10-\$50)
- ▶ Fines
- ▶ Remove waste
- ▶ Jail Time (rare)

Questions/Comments/Contact Info

- ▶ Do you have a known illegal dumpsite?
- ▶ Does your County/City/District use cameras?

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