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Criminal Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality References Guilty Plea of Orleans Parish Individual for Alleged Illegal Disposal of Waste Tires

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (“LDEQ”) issued a January 23rd news release stating that Bryant Joseph Ballard pleaded guilty on January 18th in Orleans Parish Criminal District Court for illegal disposal of waste tires and unauthorized use of a movable.

Mr. Ballard is stated to be an Orleans Parish, Louisiana, resident.

Mr. Ballard is stated to have been arrested by the New Orleans Police Department officers in February 2018 for theft of a U-Haul truck and an outstanding LDEQ warrant for illegal disposal of waste tires in New Orleans East.

The news release also states:

As the result of an extensive investigation, agents concluded that Ballard was using rented U-Haul trucks to collect and illegally dispose of waste tires in New Orleans East. After conducting numerous hours of covert surveillance, investigators with the LDEQ Criminal Investigation Section obtained an arrest warrant for Ballard on December 1, 2017.

The Department of Sanitation was stated to have removed 47,964 waste tires from the public right of way in 2018.

Mr Ballard is stated to have been sentenced to the statutory minimum of two years in prison for unauthorized use of a movable and to the statutory maximum of one year for illegal disposal of waste tires. The sentences are to be served consecutively.

A copy of the news release can be found [here](#).