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Good morning Sarah,

Hope you had a good weekend! I received your voicemail Friday afternoon in reference to getting a quote or comment from Chief Zack. He was in a few meetings on Friday, however, he did get the message and text you on Saturday that his comment was the quote from the below news release that was sent out Friday. I saw the article came out this morning and wanted to inquire if there is a reason why this was not put into the article? We feel that it should be and would like it to be added to the article since we did respond/comment before the article was published. Can this be added? Or updated into the article, please?

Please see below for the comment that was mentioned in the news release that you received on Friday.

A clean-up effort in mid-April in Asheville had a reported record 200 volunteers pick up 700 pounds of trash during the two-hour community-wide cleanup, said Chief David Zack, Asheville Police Department. Contrast that with the littering case our detectives investigated, which involved activists who committed felonies by dumping more than 2,000 pounds of litter and refuse in one of our local parks last December. That cleanup cost taxpayers in the City of Asheville nearly \$2,700 with more than 100 man-hours, and required two dump trucks, half a dozen pickup trucks, and other heavy machinery.

Respectfully,
Samantha

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Date: Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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APD UPDATE: APD Arrests 16 for Felony Littering at Local Park
***Arrestees Dumped in Excess of 2,000 Pounds of Litter at Local Park, Costing City more than \$2.6K in Cleanup

Asheville, NC (June 3, 2022): APD Detectives have arrested a total of 16 people for dumping more than 2,000 pounds of litter and refuse in Aston Park following a nearly six-month-long investigation.

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The charge for felony littering is when the amount of trash/refuse exceeds 500 pounds. In this case, it was more than four times that amount.

The following 10 people were charged in this case from January through May, all involving felony littering; six others were identified with their charges in previous news releases.

Pageant Q. Nevel (08/17/94)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Amy Elizabeth Hamilton-Thibert (10/05/74)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Julia Rose Weber (5/8/01)

- Felony littering

Alexander Jory Bergdahl (8/10/1989)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Kathryn Anne Hudson (5/15/93)

- Felony littering

Gina Dickhaus (02/04/92)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Nicole A. Matute Villagran (9/28/00)

- Aid & abet felony littering

Sarah Jackson Body Norris (12/03/79)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Erica Jan Deaton (09/05/78)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Elsa Ann Enstrom (03/05/87)

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As with any criminal investigation, if anyone has any information about this case or another, please call Asheville Police at (828) 252-1110. You can also anonymously share information by texting TIP2APD to 847411, or use the TIP2APD smartphone app.

Three others were arrested on similar charges Friday.

This is an ongoing investigation, and detectives say additional arrests and charges are forthcoming.

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APD NEWS RELEASE: Asheville Police Make Multiple Arrests in December Illegal Dumping Protests at Aston Park that Caused More than \$2K in Cleanup

Asheville, NC (Jan. 14, 2022): Detectives with APD's Criminal Investigations Division arrested three people Friday in their connection with an illegal dumping protest in Aston Park last month.

Back on Dec. 19 and 27, activists dumped between 1,000 and 2,200 pounds of litter and refuse in Aston Park during a protest under the ruse of holding a "family art event." Their illegal dumping resulted in a cleanup effort of more than 100 man-hours, two dump trucks, half a dozen pickup trucks, and the use of heavy machinery, which cost the City of Asheville an estimated \$2,680.

Arrested were:

â™™Elizabeth Ann Flickinger (12/22/89), formally of Findlay, Ohio, by way of Marshall, NC

â™™Reece Sebastian Jaksec (03/05/99), of Butler, Penn

â™™Kara S. Roberts (08/19/91) of Columbus, Ohio

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