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Subject: Re: 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
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Thanks, Sam. While none of the folks who answer phones and monitor social media do much of it on the weekends, they usually have a few questions for me about things that come in over the weekend. Just wanted to get ahead of anything that might happen.Â

When the suspects in this case got their no trespassing letters a few months ago, they started calling Parks & Recreation because thatâ€™s what the instructions said, but nobody in our department had been alerted that the letters had been sent. Just wanted to give our team a heads up so we can all be coordinated when our favorite WLOS reporter comes calling. ;)Â

CB

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 7:51 PM Samantha Booth <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
Christo,

Thank you for sending this email out. We agree, it is important to have consistent and coordinated responses. I have already received a couple of emails and have been monitoring the uptick of social media comments.Â

Myself, and Bill Davis are happy to respond to any calls or emails this weekend. Additionally, we would be happy to keep you in the loop with our responses.Â

Have aÂ great weekend!Â

Respectfully,
SamanthaÂ

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 7:11 PM Christo Bubenik <cbubenik@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
Good evening,

We may get some calls, emails, or comments on social feeds from media or community members about this situation. If that happens, please direct them to Asheville Police Department.Â This will ensure the City of Asheville has a consistent and coordinated response.Â

Iâ€™m out of town this weekend, but will provide a form response on Sunday night. If any requests come in this weekend, please let me know and I will coordinate with Sam (APD) to make sure we respond in a timely manner.Â

Thanks for all you do â€“ I know it isnâ€™t always the easiest situation to be the person who answers the phone when someone demanding calls.Â

Thanks,

CB

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From: **Samantha Booth** <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 5:01 PM
Subject: 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
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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APD UPDATE:Â 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

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Asheville, NC (June 3, 2022):Â 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.Â Â

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â€œA 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,â€ said Chief David Zack, Asheville Police Department.Â â€œContrast 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.Â 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.â€

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

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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.Â Â

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Pageant Q. Nevel (08/17/94)

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

Any 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 litteringÂ

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)Â

- Felony littering
- Aid & abet felony littering

APD NEWS RELEASE: Asheville Police Make More Arrests in Illegal Dumping Protests at Aston Park

Asheville, NC (Jan. 18, 2022): Asheville Police made three additional arrests over the weekend in the illegal dumping protests that occurred on Dec. 19 through 22.

- Arrested were:
- Abigail Nicole Temoshchuk Reynolds, of Alexandria, Va.
 - Larceny by Employee
 - Felony Littering
 - Aid & Abet

- Nicole Aldana Martinez, of Waynesville
- Felony Littering
- Aid & Abet

- Nora Carrig Watkins, of Oak Park, Ill.
- Felony Littering
- Aid & Abet

Three others were arrested on similar charges Friday.

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

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:
- Elizabeth Ann Flickinger (12/22/89), formerly of Findlay, Ohio, by way of Marshall, NC
 - Reece Sebastian Jaksec (03/05/99), of Butler, Penn
 - Kara S. Roberts (08/19/91) of Columbus, Ohio

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