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Allegheny County Men Convicted of Illegal Dumping Trash

(June 18, 2015) Three Allegheny County men have received written citations for illegally dumping trash. Charles Gilbert Scott (65) of Braddock, Michael Paul Leese (33) of Pittsburgh and Terrell Montgomery (46) of Pittsburgh were found guilty of littering on three separate occasions by the Honorable Jeffrey A. Manning. Scott was fined \$96, Leese was fined \$571 and Montgomery was fined \$371. In all instances the arresting officer was Detective Matthew A. Lebedda from the Pittsburgh Police Department. A fourth person, Daniel Schweikart (44) of Pittsburgh, was issued a written citation by Pittsburgh's Anti-Litter Coordinator Melissa Rosenfeld for littering and dumping by vehicle. The case is awaiting plea.

All citations were made with the help of surveillance cameras donated to the City of Pittsburgh by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. The cameras are rotated among undisclosed problem locations in the City of Pittsburgh and provide instant wireless transmission of site activity, photo documentation of license plates at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour and clear photos of activity day or night. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has an ongoing Camera Loan Program available to Pennsylvania municipalities. For an application go to www.illegaldumpfreepa.org.

"The cameras provided by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful have been an invaluable tool for the City of Pittsburgh in prosecuting illegal dumpers, where the first offense could result in a \$5,000 fine," said Rosenfeld.

"Illegal dumping is not only detrimental to the environment but also brings a financial burden to our local communities as they are often the ones left to clean up the mess," explained Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful found that on average, it costs local communities \$600/ton or nearly \$3,000 for an average illegal dump cleanup.

"We are pleased to play a role in enhancing surveillance efforts to help stop illegal dumping in the City of Pittsburgh and we are grateful for the efforts of local authorities to identify illegal dumpers and hold them accountable." Reiter further explained.

For proper disposal options in Allegheny County call Allegheny CleanWays at 412-381-1301. To learn about what you can do to prevent illegal dumping in your community, visit www.illegaldumpfreepa.org.

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 113 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.KeepBeautiful.org.

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