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Media Statement

Rivervale man guilty of dumping construction waste

A 64-year-old Rivervale man was found guilty yesterday in Midland Magistrates' Court of illegally dumping construction waste in West Swan.

The Court heard on 19 June 2015, Ronald Patrick Wimbridge dumped building waste including sand, timber, concrete and bricks at a vacant block of land on Victoria Road in West Swan.

Witnesses who observed the incident recorded the registration number of the vehicle, which was then reported to Department of Environment Regulation (DER) Investigators.

Mr Wimbridge, who pleaded guilty, was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and costs of \$469.30.

DER Director General Jason Banks said the successful conviction was an example of how members of the community could work with DER to combat illegal dumping.

"I thank the community members who had the foresight to take down the vehicle registration during this illegal dumping, which allowed the Department to successfully investigate the incident," Mr Banks said.

"We will continue to prosecute people who flout the law when it comes to illegal dumping."

Maximum penalties for illegal dumping are \$62,500 for individuals and \$125,000 for corporations.

Illegal dumping is an offence under the *Environmental Protection Act (1986)* and should be reported to DER's 24-hour Pollution Watch Hotline on 1300 784 782 or via pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au.

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