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### **Washington Parish man pleads guilty to illegal dumping and burning of tires**

**BATON ROUGE** – A Washington Parish man, arrested in May 2011 for illegal dumping and illegal burning of tires in the town of Angie, plead guilty to the charges on May 3.

Melvin Ray White, Jr., 49, of Angie, was sentenced to two years in prison, suspended, five years active probation and was fined \$1,000.00. The Honorable Judge William J. Crain of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court in Washington Parish presided.

During the course of the investigation, investigators from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality conducted surveillance in the area of Ola Magee Road in Angie and caught White in the act of burning tires on his property. He was placed under arrest for dumping and the illegal burning of tires in Washington Parish. DEQ's investigators were assisted by the Washington Parish Sheriff's office and Fire District Six who extinguished the fire.

The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Walter P. Reed and Assistant District Attorney Lewis Murray.

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is to protect the environment and public health. Any persons with knowledge of any spills, releases, odors, fish kills, open burning, waste tires and any other types of environmental incidents may contact the department at 225-219-3640 or Toll Free 1-888-763-5424.