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Chalmette man arrested for the illegal disposal of waste tires

BATON ROUGE – Yesterday, investigators within the Criminal Investigation Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality arrested a Chalmette man for the illegal disposal of waste tires based upon an outstanding arrest warrant.

Mohammad Mahmoud Allan, 33, owner of Affordable Wheel Covers is alleged to have abandoned a large number of waste tires at a building he was renting at 10920 Chef Menteur Blvd. in New Orleans. Allan and his business were evicted from the building in February 2015. The owner of the building contacted DEQ in April 2015 complaining of waste tires left behind by Allan. Inspectors and criminal investigators with DEQ visited the building and found more than 500 waste tires located outside the building. Under DEQ regulations, abandonment of waste is considered disposal.

“Abandonment of waste tires continues to be a problem not just in New Orleans, but in all parts of the state,” said Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, DEQ Secretary. “A couple of months ago, our criminal investigators arrested a man twice for doing a similar thing in Avoyelles and Pointe Coupee parishes. DEQ will not tolerate illegal dumping of any kind, and will aggressively prosecute those found to be engaging in such activity.”

If convicted of the crime of knowing illegal disposal of waste tires, Allan faces possible imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both.

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.

An arrest does not constitute guilt in a criminal case. All evidence compiled during the investigation is presented to the area prosecutors who determine if formal charges are warranted.