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Vehicle Forfeiture for Illegal Dumping

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Vehicle Forfeiture Statute

§22a-250a of the CGS: Vehicle Forfeiture

Any vehicle used as a means of committing a violation of any of the provisions of CGS §§ 22a-208a, 22a-208c, 22a-250(c) or (d), or 22a-252 may be seized and subject to forfeiture.





Statutory/Regulatory Overview

§22a-208a(b) of the CGS and §22a-209-4 of the RCSA: **Permit required to establish, construct or operate a solid waste (SW) facility.**

§22a-208c of the CGS: **No person shall receive, dispose of, or process SW** or transport SW for disposal or processing at any SW facility, volume reduction plant, SW disposal area, recycling facility or recycling center, transfer station or biomedical waste facility **unless such facility, plant, area center complies with the provisions of §22a-208a.**



Case Details

June 2016 - Fernridge Park, West Hartford (WH)

- Illegal dumping activity recorded by cell phone and reported to WHPD by a “visitor”.
- WHPD investigated. Individual (operator) admitted to activity and was arrested, vehicle seized and impounded for the crime.



Case Details

- Case handled by AG (AAG M. Lynch)
- DEEP was prepared to testify at the hearing:
 - Material was solid waste
 - Site was not permitted to receive solid waste
- At hearing - Judge ruled vehicle a nuisance and ordered vehicle to be disposed of by the Commissioner pursuant to CGS §22a-250



Case Details

- Commissioner relinquished custody and the ownership of vehicle to West Hartford pursuant to DEEP policy, as the town enforced the illegal dumping statute.
- Litter/illegal dumping laws were enacted for enforcement by both local and State Police.



Additional Information

- DEEP routinely advises local officials on enforcement on CGS §22a-250a.
- Last full [illegal dumping training](#) hosted by DEEP was conducted June 26, 2015.
 - Details and video presentations on DEEP website.



Questions?



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