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## **NEWNAN MAN SENTENCED TO OVER A YEAR IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE**

### ***Defendant Drove Around Newnan with Drums of Hazardous Waste Materials In Back Of Truck***

Newnan, GA - DERYL PARKER, 44, of Newnan, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Jack T. Camp on a charge of transporting hazardous waste material without proper documentation, in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of today's sentence, "This defendant has a prior conviction for improperly transporting and storing hazardous waste, and in fact his criminal actions in the past led to the creation of a federal superfund site in Coweta County, which cost over \$1.6 million to clean up. Instead of learning from his past mistakes, this defendant flaunted his disregard for the law and safety of others, and now he goes to federal prison."

"The defendant illegally transported flammable and potentially explosive hazardous wastes in the back of his truck without a permit," said Ricky Langlois, Special Agent in Charge for the Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division's Atlanta Area office. "We will not tolerate those who 'cut corners' and put the public at risk by improperly transporting hazardous waste."

PARKER was sentenced to one year, four months in federal prison. There is no parole in federal system. He was also ordered to serve one year of supervised release. PARKER pleaded guilty to the charge on November 20, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: From February 2003 to May 2004, PARKER possessed at least 17 drums containing hazardous waste. Each drum held approximately 55 gallons. These drums contained waste flammable liquids, whose components included used lacquer thinner and waste paint. The chemical components of this waste were xylene, acetone, and toluene—substances that were potentially harmful and that had a "flash point," or

ignitability temperature, of less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Special Agents of the Environmental Protection Agency investigated and learned that PARKER was driving around Coweta County with drums of hazardous waste in the back of his truck. When EPA Special Agents interviewed PARKER about these drums he had transported, he refused to disclose where the drums were ultimately located. PARKER agreed, however, not to move the drums and to allow the EPA to test their contents. Within a few days of his interview, PARKER transported them to a disposal company. By law, PARKER was required to obtain a manifest to allow him to transport hazardous materials.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul R. Jones and Department of Justice Environmental Crimes Section Trial Attorney Lana N. Pettus prosecuted the case.

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