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*Media Statement*

## **‘Tradie’ fined for dumping waste at former client’s home**

A 36-year-old building contractor from Gosnells has been fined \$500 in Armadale Magistrates Court today, after a Department of Environment Regulation (DER) investigation found he had dumped construction and demolition waste at a former client’s Camillo home following a payment dispute.

Daniel Shelbourne refurbished the home and correctly disposed of waste. However following the disagreement, Mr Shelbourne returned to the property on 13 June 2016 and dumped two utility trailer loads of waste from another job directly onto the driveway – blocking access to the garage.

DER investigators discovered that the waste, which included fencing, tiles and a washing machine, prevented an elderly woman renting the property from parking in the driveway.

Following a ‘tip off’, a City of Armadale Ranger captured the incident on camera and reported it to DER.

Mr Shelbourne was also ordered to pay \$742.50 in legal costs.

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 and the City of Armadale who helped the Department successfully investigate this 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](mailto:pollutionwatch@der.wa.gov.au).



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