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MAYOR GANIM, ANTI-BLIGHT INITIATIVE AWARDS FIRST \$200 AND MAKES FIRST ARREST

WESTPORT MAN CHARGED AND SUMMONED FOR DUMPING BOAT IN BRIDGEPORT



BRIDGEPORT, CT – Mayor Ganim announced the first citizen report of illegal dumping which led Bridgeport Police to make an arrest of a Westport man.

On March 9th, police received a request by the Anti-Blight team to pursue a complaint of illegal dumping reported at Union Avenue. Supported by photo evidence, investigating Police officers were able to find the offender in their Westport residence where he was arrested, issued misdemeanor summons for 22a-250 Illegal Dumping and 15-140c* Abandonment of a Vessel as well as restitution in the amount of \$1,500.

Mayor Ganim stated, “With cameras, diligence of residents and City departments, we are sending a powerful message that dumping will not be tolerated. This is one of the most egregious acts of illegal dumping and the individual will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

Individuals caught illegally dumping in the city will be arrested, charged restitution fees for garbage removal, and the vehicles used will be seized by the Bridgeport Police. State regulations permit law enforcement agencies to seize assets and property used to commit crimes, including illegal dumping. Those caught unlawfully disposing of garbage and other material are subject to a minimum \$200 fine and can be charged with a misdemeanor.

The City of Bridgeport through its Anti-Blight Initiative offers a \$200 reward for anyone who contributes evidence that leads to an arrest for illegal dumping. Report it by taking a picture of the vehicle, and people in the act of illegal dumping. Email evidence to pickinitup@bridgeportct.gov or to immediately call 203-330-4203.

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