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### **Guilty plea entered in illegal disposal incident in Lutcher**

BATON ROUGE – A LaPlace man pled guilty on June 23 to illegally disposing solid waste in November of 2007.

Dwayne C. Miles, 36, was hauling waste for a company doing hotel remodeling work in St. John Parish when he illegally dumped construction and demolition debris consisting of insulation, porcelain, carpeting and drywall material. After delivering a series of waste loads to the appropriate dump site, he illegally dumped the waste in a sugarcane field in Lutcher on his final two trips.

The property owner discovered the waste and contacted St. James Sheriff's Office. In conjunction with an investigation by DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division, Miles was questioned by authorities. Upon questioning, Miles confessed to illegally dumping the waste.

"The illegal disposal of solid waste in Louisiana is a trend that cannot be tolerated. The current DEQ administration has put a high priority on catching illegal dumpers and working with district attorneys to prosecute dumping cases," said Robert Williamson, Director of DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division.

As part of his guilty plea, Miles was ordered to pay a \$500.00 fine and court costs.

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