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### **Arrest made in illegal disposal incident in St. Helena Parish**

BATON ROUGE – A Greensburg man was arrested Friday in connection with the illegal disposal of a substance that could endanger human health.

Konner Boone Sitman, 24, deposited and burned various white goods, PVC pipes, tires and assorted solid waste near a pond.

St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Office was alerted to property located at Highway 43 and David Allen Road in Greensburg where materials were being burned. The responding detective noted that various White goods, tires, PVC pipe, and assorted solid waste were being burned in and near a pond. The local fire department arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire per the detective's instructions. Sitman, who was at the scene, adamantly protested against extinguishing the fire. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Investigators met with the SHPSO Detective at the site. While inspecting the burn pile, Sitman arrived and talked to investigators about the burn pile and admitted to piling the material and lighting it on fire.

“The illegal dumping of solid waste is a trend that DEQ has set a high priority on fighting. Burning this type of waste releases toxins that could endanger persons nearby, including firemen and other first responders,” said Robert Williamson, Director of DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division.

This case was referred for prosecution to the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Attorney Scott Perriloux.