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Solid Waste/Criminal Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Announces Arrest of Orleans Parish Disposal Contractor for Alleged Illegal Dumping

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") issued a September 10th news release stating that an Orleans Parish individual was arrested for allegedly violating environmental laws and criminal trespassing.

The individual arrested is Jamie L. Jones.

The Criminal Investigation Division of LDEQ arrested the individual.

The charges include:

- Felony camp of dumping solid waste into waters of the state
- Two misdemeanor counts of allegedly illegally disposing of solid waste
- Twelve misdemeanor counts of criminal trespassing

Mr. Jones is stated to be the owner and operator of Jamie's Disposal LLC.

LDEQ's Criminal Investigation Section is stated to have received complaints in March 2019 about illegal dumping in New Orleans East. Investigators, with assistance from Louisiana State Police, are stated to have performed aerial surveillance of the dumpsite.

Note LDEQ uses drones for aerial surveillance and enforcement (see previous post <u>here</u>). However, whether they were employed in this instance is not stated.

The investigation allegedly determined that the individual was dumping construction and demolition debris on the ground and in wetland areas.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.