

# Harris County & City of Houston Illegal Dumping Camera Project Presentation

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# Project Overview

*Years 2011 till Current*



- Fall 2011 Committee formed to explore curbing illegal dumping in the City of Houston
- Summer 2012 Commissioner Davis pushed for \$250,000 for 25 camera sites in Districts: B, D, H, I, K
- Summer 2015 City Council approved money and transferred money to Pct. One
- Fall of 2015 Pct. One built out 25 cameras & gathered locations within districts
- January 2016 cameras were deployed





# Camera Cases Overview

## District's & Case Totals

District's Investigated	Total Number of Cases	District's Charged	Total Number of Cases
District B	79	District B	49
District D	94	District D	53
District H	97	District H	50
District I	18	District I	9
District K	28	District K	17

### Notable Numbers:

- ☀ Total Camera Cases Investigated: 316
- ☀ Total Charges: 178
- ☀ Pending & Under Investigation: 81
- ☀ Person charged who refused to clean up: 48
- ☀ Closed with no charges: 40



**WARNING**

CCTV CAMERAS ARE IN  
OPERATION ON THESE PREMISES

# CONTRACTORS

*Construction Worker's Illegal Activities*



Total Contractors Caught (illegal dumping's):	<b>43</b>
Charges:	<b>26</b>
Cases closed (lack of evidence):	<b>2</b>
Open Cases:	<b>15</b>
Felony Charges:	<b>12</b>
Repeat Offenders:	<b>12</b>



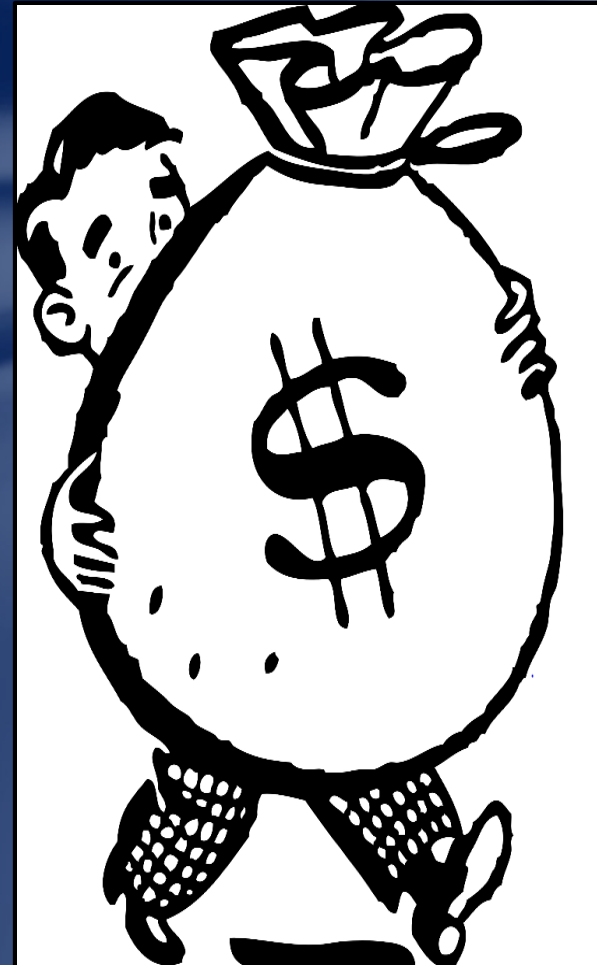


# Project Financing

Restitution owed: \$62,297.00

*(Total includes camera fees and clean up fees)*

- Camera Fees: \$300.00
- City Clean Up Fees: \$233.00

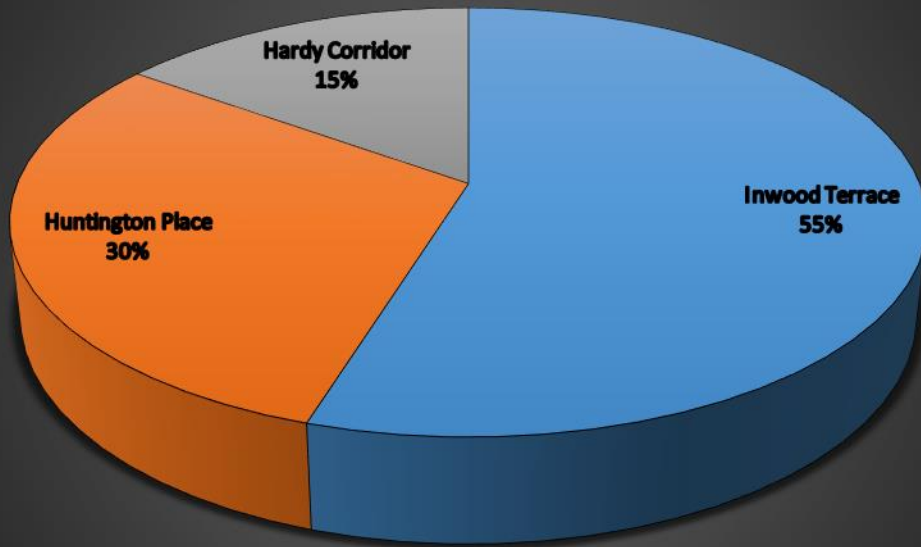




# Demographics

- Average Age: 50 years old
- Majority of dumping's happen during the hours of 12:00AM to 6:00AM
- The least amount of dumping's happen during the hours of 12:00AM – 6:00AM

Most Charged Locations



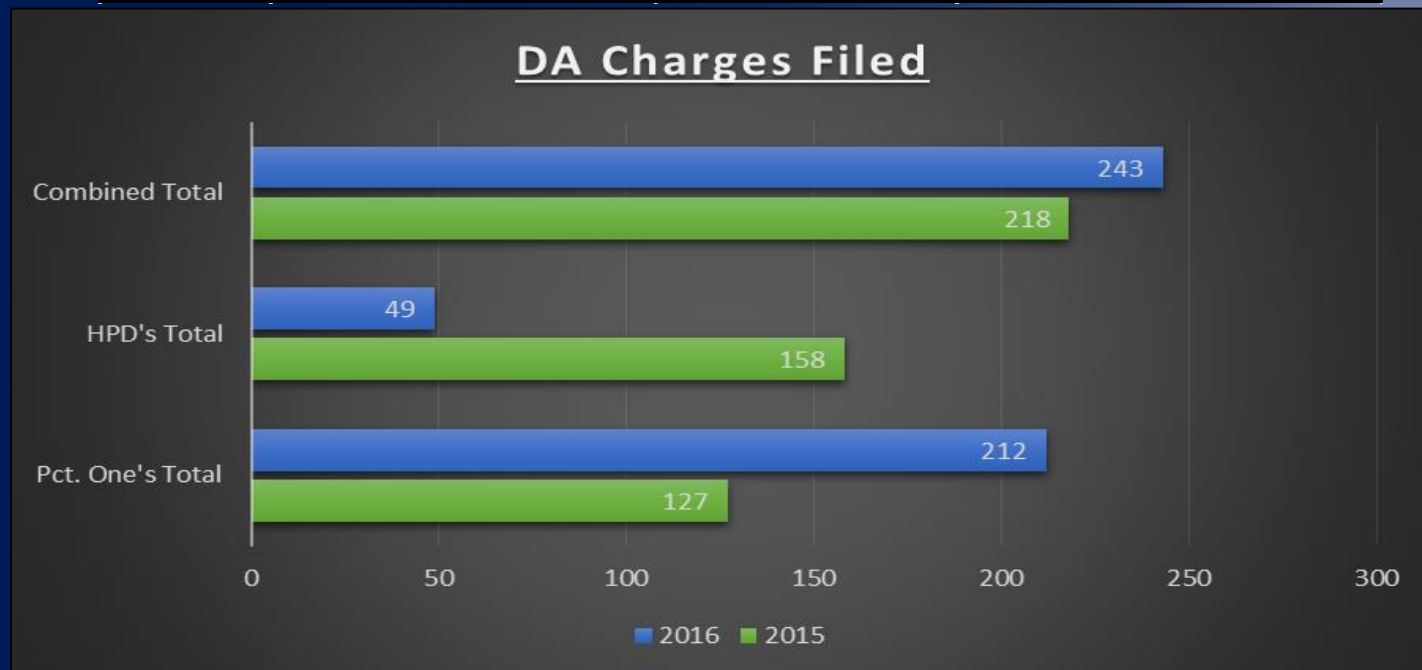
■ Inwood Terrace ■ Huntington Place ■ Hardy Corridor

<u>Location</u>	<u>Total</u>
Inwood Terrace	40
Huntington Place	22
Hardy Corridor	11

# Harris County District Attorney Charges Filed



<u>Year</u>	<u>Pct. One's Total</u>	<u>HPD's Total</u>	<u>Combined Total</u>
2015	127	158	218
2016	212	49	243



*Prediction FY2016: 500 I/D Investigations & 400 Charges*

# Pictures

*Before & After*



*Before*



*After*

**Batterson**



# Pictures

*Before & After*



*Before*



*After*

East 32<sup>nd</sup>

# Pictures

*Before & After*



*Before*



*After*

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# Video

Aug/07/2016 \*12:23:18  
10500 DOBSON



# Door Hanger



It is our desire to assist you and your community in keeping it a desirable place to live. We need your help to get it done. By placing your heavy trash out early you are not only inviting people to dump but you are also violating **CITY OF HOUSTON ORDINANCE 39-77(D) UNLAWFUL TO PLACE OR TO ALLOW REMAINING ANY MATERIALS AT THE CURBLINE FOR HEAVY TRASH PRIOR TO 6:00PM OF FRIDAY BEFORE**, which could result in a fine in the amount of **\$310.00-\$500.00**.

Please help Harris County Precinct 1 Constable, Alan Rosen and the Harris County Environmental Crimes Unit in keeping our City clean and beautiful for generations to come.

- Residents may dispose of their Tree Waste at their curbside. Tree Waste is collected during **ODD** numbered months and Junk Waste is collected during **EVEN** numbered months.

## **Tree Waste**

- "Tree Waste" is defined as "clean" wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps. Lumber, furniture, and treated wood will **NOT** be accepted. Junk Waste may **NOT** be placed for collection during a Tree Waste month.

**TREE WASTE MONTHS ARE: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER ONLY!**

## **Junk Waste**

- "Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste months; however, to ensure your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the Tree Waste designated month or take it to a Neighborhood Depository/Recycling Center.

**JUNK WASTE MONTHS ARE: FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER & DECEMBER ONLY!**

## **Placement Instructions**

- "Tree Waste" and "Junk Waste" should be placed adjacent to the front curb in a location easily accessible to the collection vehicle **between THE HOURS OF 6:00pm THE FRIDAY BEFORE AND 7:00am ON THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY**. Materials should not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or other right-of-way, or in any manner which would interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

## **Restrictions**

- No more than 8 cubic yards (about the size of a minivan) of "Junk Waste" or "Tree Waste" may be placed at the curb for collection.
- A maximum of four cubic yards of building materials (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster or concrete) generated by the residents in connection with the maintenance of the residential property may be collected by Solid Waste Management Department crews.
- The Solid Waste Management Department is not allowed to collect any material that was generated by contractors who were retained by a resident to perform work on his or her residential property. It is the responsibility of the contractor's activities. These contractor related activities include, but are not limited to: trimming and removal of trees, remodeling, new construction and roofing.
- If authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel shall not be obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT COLLECTION SERVICES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO MULTI-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES OF MORE THAN 8 CUBIC YARDS!**

# Questions?

*Comments and/or Concerns*



*Thank you!*