



August 29, 2012

(Anchorage, Alaska) On August 29, 2012, Houston resident Kenny Champ, 49 years old, was convicted in Palmer Superior Court of one count of Theft in the Second Degree, a Class C felony, and one count of Pollution of Land/Air/Water, a Class A misdemeanor.

As part of his plea agreement, Kenny Champ was sentenced to serve 305 days in jail, five days for the pollution charge, and will be on probation for three years. Kenny Champ must pay full restitution to the City of Houston to restore the City's land after blockading its roadway, constructing a well, storing sewage trucks, tires and barrels. And he must pay full restitution to the State of Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation for any clean-up costs associated polluting the land and waters of the state from dumping tires and raw sewage. Additionally, he is required to pay the State a \$10,000 fine for polluting the land and waters of the State.

The convictions are the result of concerned neighbors coming forward to report the sewage dumping that threatened a salmon-bearing stream and waters from which residents frequently obtain drinking water. Those complaints led to a lengthy investigation conducted by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Crimes Unit (ECU) with the assistance of the Environmental Protection Agency. The ECU is tasked with the responsibility of conducting statewide investigations of criminal violations of Alaska statutes and regulations for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

For information about the ECU, or to report an environmental crime the public may contact the ECU by phone, via email, or on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website: <http://dec.alaska.gov/das/ecu/index.htm>.

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