

Illegal dumper, we've got your number

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Editor:

This letter is for the gentleman driving the dark maroon-colored late model Buick with an Illinois license plate number. At around three o'clock this afternoon, my three children and I were driving west on Roosevelt from I-355 when my son pointed you out to me. You were dumping tree limbs and other yard waste off Grove Road, just north of Roosevelt Road.

My children thought that what you were doing was illegal. I agreed with them and pulled in behind you and looked right at you as you looked at me. You continued dumping the remaining limbs from your trunk and then drove away.

Wanting to demonstrate to my children that what you did was illegal as well as to show them what they should do as con-

cerned citizens when they see something illegal, I called the Glen Ellyn Police Department and explained what I saw. I was told that jurisdiction for that land belonged to the sheriff's department.

I then called the DuPage Sheriff's Department and was greeted by "Fitzgerald." I again explained what my children and I saw and was promptly put on hold. Ten minutes later, after being put on hold at least seven times by "Fitzgerald," I finally

was able to provide your description and license plate. It became obvious to me that "Fitzgerald" regarded my call as a nuisance and that he didn't plan on doing anything about what I reported to him—this is most evident as he never bothered getting my name or phone number.

So, Mr. Dumper, it appears that a person can, in broad daylight and plain sight of one of the busiest streets in DuPage County, proceed to illegally dump waste from the trunk of one's shiny new Buick as an adult and three children stare at you—and get away with it. In the process, you saved a few dollars in yard-waste stickers.

you demonstrated to three children that crime does pay, and you showed a parent that teaching good citizenry to his children is much more difficult when the authorities refuse to cooperate and do their job. Are you proud of yourself?

Sincerely,
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