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Illegal Dumping of Roof Shingle Debris Found in Area

Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Police Chief Mark Swistek issued a joint call for citizen assistance in tracking down the perpetrators of illegal dumping activities in and around Michigan City.

Mayor Oberlie said, "We have been made aware of a number of illegal dump sites in Michigan City where individuals have dumped old shingles in secluded areas. Upon finding the results of this illegal activity, our City Departments must expend time and resources to clean up and dispose of this illegal waste.

These illegal dump sites encountered primarily contain used shingles removed from roofing projects. We need the help of our local citizens to contact the non-emergency number of the Michigan City Police Department, 874-3221, to provide any information that may be useful in this investigation. Citizens can call if they observed suspicious hauling of used shingles or, if anyone has recently had work done on their property to remove shingles and the contractor did not employ the use of a dumpster, they can call to provide the name of the contractor."

Chief Swistek said, "This problem extends throughout the area and over multiple jurisdictions. Dump sites have been discovered on Airport property off of Meer Road, on City property along Trail Creek, at the city-owned Hitchcock Facility on the west side, and at DNR-owned public access fishing sites. With help from the public, we can track down the perpetrators of this illegal activity and pursue criminal charges."