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Multi-agency operation targets fly-tipping in Baldoyle

Fingal County Council and An Garda Siochana were involved in a multi-agency operation this week which targeted fly-tipping in Baldoyle.

Checkpoints were established at random locations and times across the area with officers from Fingal County Council's Environment Enforcement Unit being assisted by Gardaí from Howth Garda Station, Divisional Crime Task Force, Traffic Corps and Armed Response Unit. The checkpoints will continue over the coming weeks.

The aim of these checkpoints was to identify unauthorised and bogus refuse collectors committing offences as well as members of the public who are availing of the illegal service being offered. Both the unauthorised collectors and their
clients can be subject to prosecution with fines and possible imprisonment under the Waste Management Act 1996 and the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

As a result of the Baldoyle operation, Fingal County Council made several seizures and is now actively seeking to identify the owners of this rubbish in order to prosecute them.

A Fingal County Council spokesperson said: “Illegal dumping across Fingal is a serious issue and we are adopting a hard-line attitude in relation to prosecuting unauthorised collectors as well as those who are employing them to dump their rubbish. The check-points in Baldoyle were extremely successful and we are grateful to An Garda Siochana for their support in mounting this operation. We would appeal to the public to report incidents of fly-tipping to the Gardaí or to ourselves on our hotline number which is 1800 20 10 93.”

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