# **Update**: Illegal Dumping Pilot Surveillance Project

Maria Ferdin, Supervisor- Environmental Health April 22, 2025

# Update

- Six cameras are installed in public right of way
- Cameras are paired at three "hot spot" locations
- Contract vendor is providing support through a secure online dashboard portal
- One \$2500 citation issued



## Pilot Project Costs

Components	Wha It is	Cost	Source
Hardware	Six Reconyx Cameras, security housing, installation hardware, batteries, etc	\$12,898.20	EH Admin Budget
Vendor Service /Software	EPIC iO/ DeepInsights	\$6,575 (annual)	Solid Waste Services, EH
Labor	Solid Waste Program staff, PW field staff	Absorbed into routine work	Solid Waste Services, EH; PW

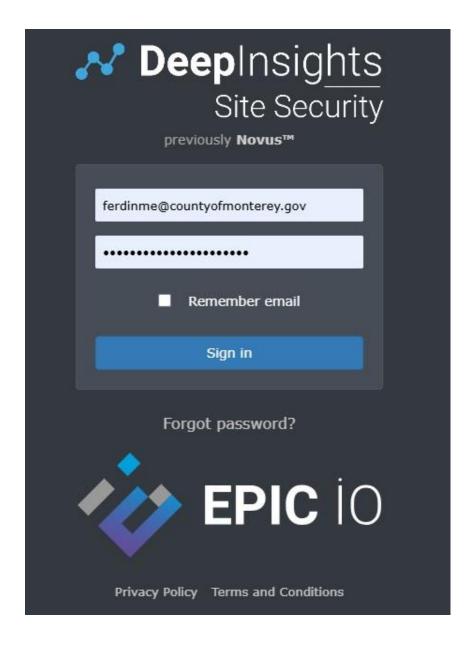






#### Installation

- Locations: chronic "hot spot", cell service, clear view of right of way
- Department Public Works, Facilities, & Parks
- Three road maintenance crew- Arial Lift (vehicle) operator, support person, road safety person (thanks to Benny Chuca, Hector Mendoza, and Rodd Hiserman)

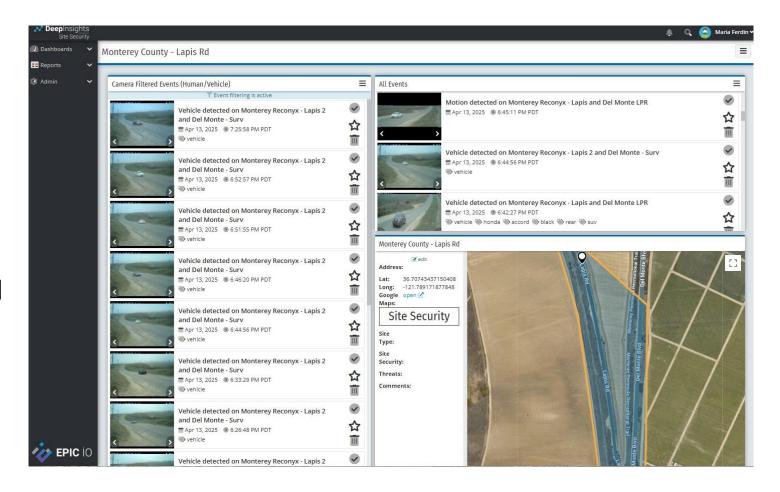


## EPIC iO

- Reconyx cameras purchased through vendor
- Cameras are cellular enabled
- Secure online dashboard- DeepInsights
- Images play back and archived
- Remote support
- Subscription contract August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025
- BOS approved July 16, 2024

# DeepInsights

- Lapis Rd dashboard
- Third view is LPR (map)
- Cameras are motion activated
- Search by date and/or time
- Tag and store time sequence
- Download images







# Lapis Rd. Dashboard

- Main image is a sequence stills, (1-10 images)
- License Plate image for LPR camera (right)
- 1080P HD wide angle w/ 150 IR





# Lapis Rd. Dashboard

#### **IR Limitations**

- Height of camera
- Speed of vehicle
- Light glare

# Enforcement- Who gets a Citation?

- Abandoned Mobile Home- San Juan Grade
  - ✓ Sheriff notified EH on 5/30/24
  - ✓ EH issued NOV with a 14-day compliance deadline, 5/31/24
  - ✓ RP disposed at Johnson Canyon on 6/11/24
- "Parked" Mobile Home- Bryson Hesperia/ Copperhead Rd
  - ✓ Sheriff notified EH on 8/02/24
  - ✓ Owner attempted relocation to new property
  - ✓ Access road too steep
  - ✓ "Parked" on corner for ~ two months
  - ✓ NOV issued, worked with RP's timeline
  - ✓ Unit relocated on 10/19/24





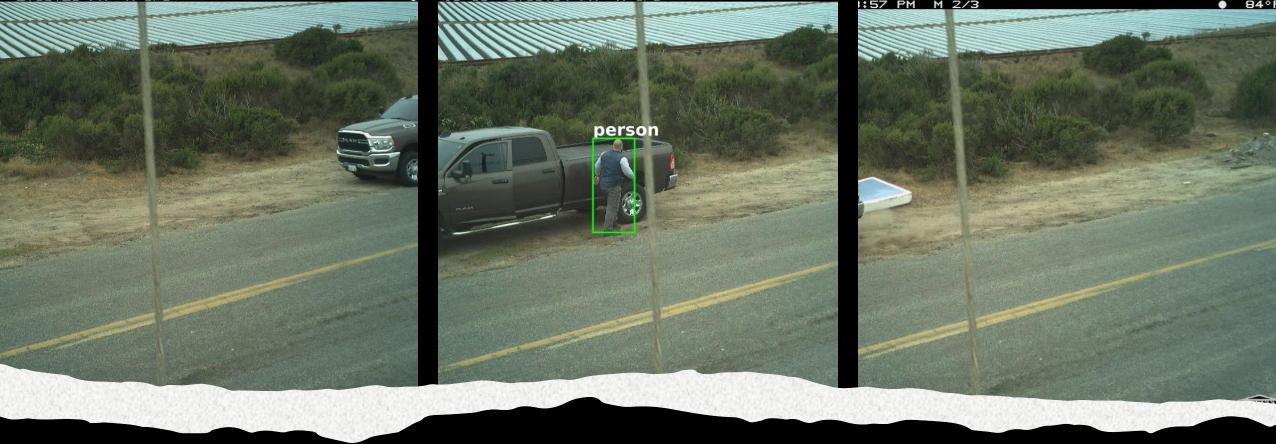




# Enforcement- Who gets a Citation?

#### • 2018 Hazardous Waste Barrel Case

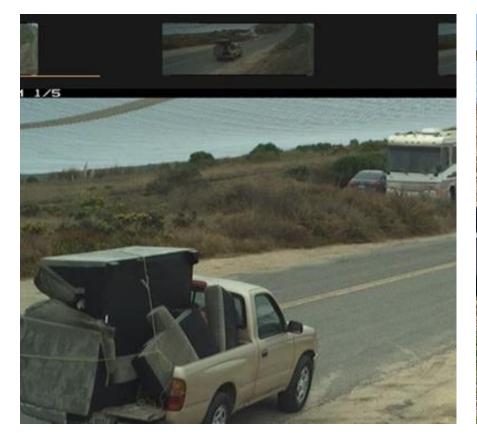
- 70 barrels filled with hazwaste found across two counties-Monterey and San Benito
- EH investigated & referred to DA
- RP paid cost recovery- \$29,822.35
- DA charged one individual criminally



Illegal Dumping Happens Quickly-September 19, 2:18PM

- 2:18:28- Arrives on scene
- 2:18:34- Gets out of car, disposes box spring
- 2:18:57- Gets in car, leaves

**Total: 34 Seconds** 





Enforcement- Who gets a Citation?

Illegal Dumper

### Citation

- Owner of Vehicle identified via Sheriff
- Send RP Administrative Citation
  - NOC Letter
  - Administrative Citation w/ compliance deadline
  - Invoice for \$2500
  - Exhibits (photos)

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

Date of Violatio IIFacility Name & Responsible Part

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□-OTHER, FI

Code Section



RE: Illegal Dumping Viol

This letter is to inform you Administrative Citation o

A person shall not throw a permitted disposal facili

The Administrative Citation 8915 or by email at ferding

Thank you.

Maria Ferdin, Solid Waste Monterey County Health

Cc: Ric Encarnacion, Ass

#### Enclosed:

- a. Citationb. Invoice #
- c. Exhibit A

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ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Monterey County Health Department Billing Address:

Environmental Health Bureau 1270 Natividad Road Salinas, CA 93906 (831) 755-4505

Pay online at: https://aca-prod.accela.com/MONTEREYEH \*Payment plans are available by contacting our office.



Invoice Date Date Printed:

Site Address:

INVOICE

Total Amount Due: \$2,500.00

Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: Monterey County,

If paid late, a Late Penalty shall be assessed, the greater of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or twenty-five (25) percent of the total accumulated fees in addition to the prescribed fee, inspection fees or total accumulated fees. Open balances are subject to Collections, Food facilities that ave not paid the permit fee before July 1st are prohibited from operating and will be closed per Cal code Section 114387. If you do not plan to operate your business after July 1st, please notify our office at the contact information listed on this statement. FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE

The higher of a 2.25% or \$1.95 will be assessed for online credit card payments

Due Date Record ID Record Type Due on Receipt - Delinquent After Due Date

Invoice #	Invoice Date	Description	Control Contro
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## Illegal Dumping Pilot Surveillance Project

- What We've Learned
  - Units are easy to install and relocate
  - Installation requires some adjustment for effective image capture
  - Vendor support is excellent
  - Other agency support- Sheriff, ReGen
- Recommendations/Opportunities
  - Continue pilot program
  - Rotate cameras to other known "hot spots" in the County
  - Signage program

