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### **DTSC Investigation Leads to Enforcement Action Against Shasta County Metal Recycler**

**SACRAMENTO** – The Sacramento County Superior Court has entered a judgment against Northstate Recycling, Inc. (Northstate), a metal recycler in Redding, and its owner and operator, William R. Short, for hazardous waste management violations. This stipulated judgment follows a Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) investigation that resulted in the discovery of numerous violations of California’s hazardous waste laws. The investigation was handled by DTSC’s Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI).

The defendants were ordered to pay a combined \$400,000 in civil penalties. Northstate has ceased metal shredding operations at the facility, but will continue to recycle cardboard, glass bottles, aluminum cans and high value metals among other non-shredding activities.

“Let this be an example to metal recyclers and shredding operations that continue to violate California’s hazardous waste laws,” said Hansen Pang, DTSC’s Chief Investigator for OCI. “DTSC is enforcing environmental regulations and will take action if necessary. This action is essential to protecting the environment and public health in and around recycling and shredding operations.”

DTSC’s Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) confirmed that Northstate and its owner violated the law at their scrap metal recycling and shredding facility, including unlawful treatment, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous waste. Northstate was illegally shredding, storing and transporting the hazardous waste. If not handled properly, this waste could include unsafe levels of lead, cadmium and zinc.

OCI is a special investigation unit within DTSC, consisting of peace officers, scientists, and a computer forensic specialist who investigate criminal misconduct and other serious violations of hazardous waste laws. OCI has the only sworn peace officers within the California Environmental Protection Agency.

View documents related to this case [here](#):



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***The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.***