Sunny skies to greet Christmas parade

Ten of lettuce kits found on edge of road

The California transport company was facing a fine after one of its drivers allegedly dumped 1.73 tons of salad kits in Colusa County on Nov. 21.

A concerned citizen reported seeing a tractor-trailer parked and some salad kits being dumped on Candy Boulevard just after 4 p.m.

MTFE Florida Transport of Medford, California, is now facing a $3,000 fine for the illegal dumping of over 530 pounds. Colusa County officials also plan to charge the company for the resources used to clean up the scene.

The total of the fine and invoiced is $3,051.48.

A Colusa County inversion says it took six employees, working at a rate of $25 an hour to clean up the littered lettuce.

The invoice also bills the transport company for $14.24 in garbage bags, the cost to mail a certified letter and the miles traveled to haul the salad away.

A spokesperson for the transport company said the driver did "very, very sorry for it."

She said the driver claims he delivered a truckload to a site, but the people who unloaded the kits did not want them. The driver left several pallets of bagged lettuce kits in the trailer.

He allegedly told her that he had no choice but to dispose of the salad kits, but wasn’t able to reach anyone.

"The dump was closed," she said.

The driver allegedly told her that he was running late to another pickup and was late. She added that the people group would not normally receive the lettuce kits delivered in another way on that day of the event. She said that the kids were left sitting in the middle of the parade is "very distressing," she said.

"The children are always smiling. They’re happy," she said. "They are our clients and it brings us hope in what we have to look forward to," Zaleski said after a year’s absence due to COVID. "OCCL is happy to be back in the parade."

"It shows that life is beginning to get back to a semblance of normalcy," Zaleski said. "We are really happy that that happened."

For parade participants, the money will begin at 3 p.m. and floats need to be in place by 1:15 p.m. Participants need to be on the floats by 4:15 p.m.

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