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Duff,

I've attached the photographs from the lot in the 4200 block of Grant St NE; following the call of ANC Commissioner Seaward, and the neighbor who lives next door to the property, I responded to the site and observed 2 Hispanic males and two White males cutting down trees and loading debris. All of their trucks (3) and equipment (1 back loader and trailer) was in the alley on public space, with an additional pick up truck parked on Grant St. Additionally, there were gas cans, chain saws, blowers and various other types of small tools lying in the alley adjacent the trucks. I requested to see the permit authorizing the tree cutting and at no point was it produced. I noticed that at least one vehicle had an expired Georgia tag (Jan 2005). Upon hearing me telephone DDOT/UFA and MPD the Hispanic gentlemen ran to their pick up truck, jumped in and sped off. The remaining gentleman began to hurriedly pack up their equipment and alternately drive the vehicles on adjacent streets. MPD MPO Lucas responded to the scene just as the last vehicle left, however he was able to catch up to it a couple of blocks away to effect a stop. Simultaneously I was able to direct you to the Officer's location where we were able to determined that the work on the lot was being performed without the necessary permits having been issued. Thank you for immediately responding to the scene and shutting the site down. Per our conversation I am requesting that appropriate fines and or other administrative sanctions be imposed on the property owner and contractors who were on site. By way of cc on this e-mail I am requesting that DCRA review the status of the business license for the DC based business identified on the side of the red truck as Jack's Tree Service. Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions.

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