

The Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), in a statement issued on Thursday has affirmed the conviction of Nelly Monday, a 53-year old Lagos resident who was arrested for dumping refuse into a drainage channel in Merian.

Nelly has been sentenced to prison following her arrest at no. 13, Lanre Adefiranye street, Baale Bus Stop, Meridian by LAWMA and Kick Against Indiscipline (KAI) operatives, as well as the Mobile Police.

The operation was based on a tip off from the public. Following the arrest, the suspect was arraigned before a Magistrate Court sitting at Bolade, Oshodi. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in prison.

The Managing Director of LAWMA, Muyiwa Gbadegesin praised the members of the public who disclosed the act by Nelly, describing the step as “a demonstration of responsible citizenship and support for efforts to protect the environment.”

He reassured the public of the agency’s unyielding dedication to tackling indiscriminate waste disposal, especially ones that block drainage channels, increasing the chances of flood during the raining season.

He also warned the public against indiscriminate waste disposal emphasizing that it attracts sanction according to the law.

The agency then added that it would continue to work with relevant agencies to ensure the apprehension and sanctioning of environmental offenders across the state.