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'Serial Litterer' Banned From Va. County

BERRYVILLE, Va. (AP) - A West Virginia man branded a "serial litterer" by a prosecutor has been banned from Clarke County for two years for repeatedly driving across the state line and dumping trash.

General District Court Judge Norman deVere Morrison warned **Parviz Modaber**, 73, that he could go to jail if he violates the order.

"If you're found in Clarke County, bring your toothbrush," Morrison told Modaber in court Wednesday.

Modaber, who has been diagnosed with an obsessive-compulsive disorder, has repeatedly dumped trash between Virginia 7 and U.S. 340. He has been convicted of littering four times since October 2000.

After his third conviction in May 2003, Modaber was fined \$2,500, ordered to perform 300 hours of community service and given a one-year suspended jail sentence. He was convicted of a fourth offense six months later.

"We tried counseling, we tried suspended jail time, we tried large fines. We were sort of at our wits end," prosecutor Suzanne Perka said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Perka said two residents, Robert Smalley and John Crawford, grew weary of finding plastic grocery bags filled with trash along the highway median near their homes and helped authorities track down the litter bug.

"It kept happening and I got madder and madder," Crawford said in an interview. "I'd lay in wait some nights."

A credit card solicitation to "Dear Mr. Modaber" enabled Crawford to track the man down, he said.