



# official statement

Department of Natural and Environmental  
Resources

## Statement from Secretary Rafael Machargo

"I have ordered an investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding the use of two motor vehicles on beaches that are presumed to be in Puerto Rico.

“Some media have published today a video of the influencer Jake Paul in a motor vehicle on the beach, an activity that is prohibited, apart from law enforcement agencies.

Although the video does not establish where or when it was carried out, the DNER reminds citizens that this type of activity is prohibited by law to protect the environment and the species that can nest or live on the beaches. Those who violate the law face fines and other penalties, if applicable.

I call for us to share the beaches and other natural resources considering their conservation and preservation. Likewise, we applaud that our citizens become eyes and spokespersons for the possible environmental damage that some people cause due to ignorance or unscrupulousness.

I urge the public to report any incident or violation of environmental laws at 787-724-5700 or 787-230-5550. "

