

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 0608-C-21-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF KEVIN J. STRANG D.B.A. EMERALD LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Final Decision

January 24, 2007

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

A. General

By citation dated December 15, 2006, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Kevin J. Strang d.b.a. Emerald Limousine Service (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 2679, was ordered to come before the department to answer the allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear at the Newington office of the Department of Transportation to show cause why Livery Permit Number 2679, issued for the registration of interstate livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its permit pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that on or about December 17, 2004, the respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes Sections 13b-103 by failing to maintain a motor vehicle in general livery service for which authority was requested and issued, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 13b-102, 13b-103 and 13b-106.

The citation was served upon the respondent by first class and certified mail and recited the department's reasons for issuing it.

B. Hearing Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the public hearing for this citation was held on January 9, 2007.

Notice of the citation and the hearing to be held thereon was given to the respondent and to such other parties as required by Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended.

The hearing on this matter was conducted by a hearing officer designated by the Commissioner of Transportation, pursuant to Section 13b-17 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

C. Appearances

The respondent failed to make an appearance in this matter. The respondent's mailing address is 235 Burnsford Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Connecticut 06606.

Mr. Robert Colucci, Supervising Special Investigator, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit Number 2676, in the name of Kevin J. Strang d.b.a. Emerald Limousine Service and is authorized to operate motor vehicles in interstate livery service from a headquarters in Bridgeport.
 - 2. The respondent has not had any livery vehicles registered since December 17, 2004.
- 3. The green card for the citation notice was signed for and returned to the department although the respondent failed to appear in this matter.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, the department may amend or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-102 through 13b-109, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence shows that the respondent is no longer in operation and has not had a vehicle registered since December 17, 2004. The certified citation notice was returned signed to the department by Mr. Strang. Since the respondent failed to appear to explain its actions in this matter, the department has no choice but to revoke the respondent's interstate registration.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent's registration, standing in the name of Kevin J. Strang d.b.a. Emerald Limousine Service for interstate authority in Livery Permit Number 2676 is hereby revoked in fifteen (15) days from the date of this final decision, without further proceeding. This final decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 24th day of January 2007.

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