

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 1205-C-79-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF CHAUFFEURED LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. D.B.A. SERLIN INTERNATIONAL LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Final Decision

October 12, 2012

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated August 2, 2012, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Chauffeured Limousine Service, Inc. d.b.a. Serlin International Limousine Service (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Certificate Number 2310, 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 Permit Number 2310, issued for the operation of livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its certificate pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated two counts of the following Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

- 1. 13b-103 Operating a vehicle intrastate without a permit
- 2. 14-27(d) Failure to display proper plates

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 September 27, 2012.

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

Jeffery Serlin appeared pro se on behalf of the respondent. The respondent's mailing address is 569 Commerce Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824.

Eugene Morris, Transportation Public Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence on behalf of the department.

Dennis King, Manager of the Regulatory & Compliance Unit, testified as a witness in this matter.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Permit No. 2310 in the name of Chauffeured Limousine Service, Inc. d.b.a. Serlin International Limousine Service.
- 2. The respondent was stopped on May 24, 2012 for operating a vehicle without the proper license plates.

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- 3. The respondent admits to performing the intrastate livery work with the wrong license plate.
- 4. The respondent claims the dispatcher sent the wrong car.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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-103, 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-103, 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 respondent agrees that his company committed the violation as described in the hearing notice but says the dispatcher sent the wrong vehicle.

The respondent will be assessed a civil penalty of \$500 for the violation.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the Department of Transportation, a civil penalty in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500), by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," within THIRTY (30) days from the date of this final decision.

Failure of the respondent to comply with this order shall result in revocation 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 12th day of October 2012.

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