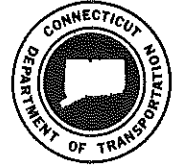




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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DOCKET NUMBER 2110-C-82-L

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF PLATINUM
TRANSPORTATION, LLC

DECISION

NOVEMBER 29, 2021

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation notice dated October 28, 2021, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter “department”), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103 and 4-182 as amended, Platinum Transportation, LLC (hereinafter “respondent”), holder of intrastate Livery Permit Number 3708, was ordered to come before the department to answer the allegations made therein.

Pursuant to said citation, the respondent was directed to appear by telephone to show cause why Livery Permit Number 3708, issued for intrastate 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-103, et seq.

More specifically on October 1, 2021, Adnane Elarabi emailed the department a Connecticut Emissions Test for a 2013 Toyota Sienna. Upon review of that document, the department noticed that marker plate L01034L was used for that test. When that plate was cross-checked, it was found that the plate is currently registered to a 2015 Toyota Camry which is also currently owned by Platinum Transportation, LLC, bringing to the attention of the department that Platinum Transportation, LLC could allegedly be in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 13b-103, 14-147(c) and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 16-325-8, 16-325-9 and 16-325-17.

B. Hearings Held

Pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, a public telephone hearing for this citation was held on November 18, 2021.

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

Adnane Elarabi appeared on behalf of the respondent in this matter. The respondent has a mailing address of 238 Putnam Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06517.

Christopher Russell, License and Application Analyst, with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit presented evidence in this matter.

Felipe Briseno, Staff Attorney 3 with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, presented evidence at the hearing.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit Number 3708 in the name of Platinum Transportation, LLC operating five (5) vehicles in general livery service from a headquarters in Hamden.
2. On October 1, 2021, Adnane Elarabi emailed the department a Connecticut Emissions Test for a 2013 Toyota Sienna.
3. Upon review of that emissions test, the department noticed that marker plate L01034L was used for the test. When that plate was cross-checked, it was found that the plate was registered to a 2015 Toyota Camry
4. Mr. Elarabi admits to not getting a temporary license plate to perform the emission test and has apologized for his actions.
5. The department has recommended a \$200 civil penalty in this matter.

III. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

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

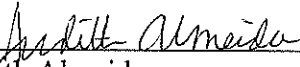
Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, the department may amend or for sufficient cause suspend or revoke any such permit. Further, the department may impose a civil penalty on any person who violates any provision of the governing chapter or any regulation adopted under Section 13b-103, as amended, with respect to fares, service, operation or equipment, in an amount not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000) dollars per day for each violation.

There was no debate as to the facts of the matter. Mr. Elarabe admits that he failed to get a temporary plate when he went to get an emission test for the 2013 Toyota Sienna and instead used a marker plate L01034L which was registered to a 2015 Toyota Camry. Since Mr. Elarabe admits his error, the department has asked for a small civil penalty of \$200 in this matter.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, the respondent, will be assessed a civil penalty of \$200 to be paid to the "Treasurer, State of Connecticut" within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision.

This decision constitutes notice in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-182(c).



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