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DOCKET NUMBER 1110-C-101-L
(Case No. LV06-2911-18)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF LUIS C DA CUNHA
DBA LA BELLE LIMOUSINE.

Final Decision

December 6, 2011

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated November 14, 2011, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Luis C Da Cunha DBA La Belle Limousine (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 2577, 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 2577, issued for the operation of livery service, should not be suspended or revoked or a civil penalty imposed for violation of its livery permit pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, et seq.

More specifically, it is alleged that the respondent violated Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes in that it failed to maintain an active headquarters.

The citation was served upon the respondent at 970 Summer Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06905 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 November 30, 2011.

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. Notice to the public was made on the department's website.

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 appear after being duly notified by certified mail. The respondent's mailing address is 970 Summer Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06905.

Eugene Morris, Public Transportation Transit Inspector with the Regulatory and Compliance Unit, was the case presenter in this matter.

II. FINDING OF FACTS

1. After a notice of hearing that was sent to the respondent was returned to the department unclaimed, the Regulatory and Compliance Unit instituted an investigation.
2. The respondent was found to not be operating an active headquarters.
3. The respondent has no vehicles registered at this time.
4. The respondent failed to appear at the hearing after being duly notified.

III. DISCUSSION

The Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles in livery service in the State of Connecticut in 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 respondent has ceased getting its mail. Returned envelopes are stamped with the words Return to Sender, Not Deliverable as Addressed. The respondent has no vehicles registered and has ceased operating a headquarters. Clearly, the respondent is no longer conducting a livery business.

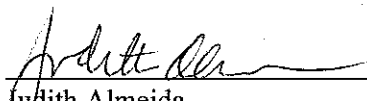
Based on the evidence presented, the respondent is out of the livery business.

IV. ORDER

Based on the above, livery permit number 2577, in the name of Luis C Da Cunha d.b.a. La Belle Limousine is hereby revoked.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this the 6th day of December 2011.

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