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DOCKET NUMBER 0704-C-72-L (Case No. LV05-0107-47)

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE CITATION OF ALBERTO URIBE D.B.A. L. ALBERTO URIBE

Final Decision

October 1, 2007

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General

By citation dated May 15, 2007, by the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Department"), pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L. Alberto Uribe (hereinafter "respondent"), holder of Livery Permit Number 3009, 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 3009, 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 on May 22, 2006 and April 17, 2007, the registration for Z8029Z was cancelled by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles in violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103(c) and violation of Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-293(a).

The citation was served upon the respondent at 15 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 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 August 30, 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

Alberto Uribe appeared pro se on behalf of the respondent. The respondent's mailing address is 15 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

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

Wayne Sinclair, a member of staff, presented evidence on behalf of the Department.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent is the holder of Livery Permit Number 3009 in the name of Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L Alberto Uribe and is authorized to operate in interstate livery service from a headquarters in Norwalk.
- 2. On May 22, 2006 and April 17, 2007, the registration for Z8029Z was cancelled for not having insurance in violation of Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103(c) and 14-293(a).
- 3. On May 15, 2007, a Notice of Hearing was sent to the respondent at 15 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

- 4. The respondent claims that the vehicle in question was insured at all times and that his business partner, Chris Angle, was to handle the cancellation notices from the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 5. The motor vehicle was insured by Lincoln General Insurance from May 22, 2006 to April, 17, 2007 under the name of L.A. Limousine of Greenwich, LLC not Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L. Alberto Uribe.
- 6. Chris Angle and Alberto Uribe are both members in L.A. Limousine of Greenwich, LLC. but only Alberto Uribe is an owner in Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L. Alberto Uribe.
- 7. The vehicle with identification number 1LNHM81W9YY62759 is supposed to be registered to Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L. Alberto Uribe according to records from both the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Transportation.
- 8. The Department of Motor Vehicles sent cancellation notices to the respondent on February 23, 2006, June 5, 2006, July 7, 2006 and April 17, 2007 which the respondent received but never acted on.

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 amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each violation.

The evidence of record shows that the Department of Motor Vehicles sent several notices to the respondent to make him aware that the plates and registration of the vehicle in question were to be cancelled. The respondent gave the notices to his business partner, Chris Angle, instead of taking care of the matter. The vehicle in question was to be registered to Alberto Uribe d.b.a. L. Alberto Uribe. However, for some reason, the vehicle was incorrectly registered to L.A. Limousine, LLC according to records of both the Department of Transportation and Department of Motor Vehicles. Since the respondent is a member in both companies, he is responsible for correcting the situation and relying on a business partner is not a good excuse. Therefore, the respondent will be assessed a civil penalty.

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 days from the date of the 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 1st day of October 2007.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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