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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNA vs. ALECIA SPINGOLA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Appellee

vs.

ALECIA SPINGOLA,

Appellant

No. 03-1150-CD

PETITION FOR APPEAL OF  
RECALL OF DRIVING  
PRIVILEGES

Filed on behalf of

Appellant

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this Party:

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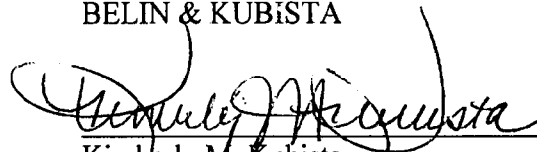
1. Appellant is Alecia Spingola, an adult individual, of 109 Elizabeth Street, Clearfield, Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.
2. Appellee is Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Driver Licensing, Third Floor, Riverfront Office Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104.
3. Appellant has been notified of the suspension of her driving privileges as an alleged seizure disorder which occurred on May 29, 2003. A copy of said notice is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
4. The mailing date of said Notice is July 7, 2003.
5. The effective date of the suspension is August 11, 2003.
6. This Court has venue of the instant proceeding as the county of residence of the Appellant.
7. Appellant's operating privileges have been suspended for a period of six (6) months.
8. Appellant has appealed the suspension of her operator's license and represents to the Court that:

a) Although the Appellant did have a seizure, it was caused by the usage of ephedron and not by a seizure disorder.

b) That medical documentation has been supplied to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation by Dr. Lipitz, a neurologist of Altoona, Pennsylvania, indicating that the seizure was related to the use of ephedron and that Appellant's driving privileges should not be suspended as she does not suffer from a seizure disorder.

WHEREFORE, the Appellant prays Your Honorable Court for an Order: a) granting a supercedeas in this matter pending a hearing; b) sustaining the appeal and dismissing the recall of the operating privileges.

BELIN & KUBISTA



Kimberly M. Kubista,  
Attorney for Appellant

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD

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Before me, the undersigned Officer, personally appeared ALECIA SPINGOLA, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition for Appeal are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Alecia Spingola  
Alecia Spingola

SWORN and SUBSCRIBED before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Aug, 2003.

Jill A. Redden  
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JILL A. REDDEN, NOTARY PUBLIC  
CLEARFIELD BORO, CLEARFIELD CO.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 7, 2005

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Bureau of Driver Licensing  
Mail Date: July 7, 2003

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ALECIA SPINGOLA  
1008 LINDEN ST  
CLEARFIELD PA 16830

Dear Ms. ALECIA SPINGOLA:

We have received medical information indicating that you have a Seizure Disorder condition which prevents you from safely operating a motor vehicle.

As of 08/11/2003, you may no longer drive. Your driving privilege is hereby recalled indefinitely as mandated by Section 1519(c) of the Vehicle Code.

This decision has been made by comparing your medical condition with the standards recommended by our Medical Advisory Board and adopted by this Department. This action will remain in effect until we receive medical information that your condition has improved and you are able to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Since you have a seizure disorder, you must remain seizure free for a six month period, with or without medication, before you will be eligible for reinstatement of your driving privilege. Our records indicate that your seizure occurred on 5/29/03.

In order to comply with this action, you must return all current Pennsylvania driver's licenses, learner's permits, temporary driver's licenses (camera cards) in your possession, on or before the effective date listed above. If you cannot comply with the requirements stated above, a sworn affidavit stating that you are aware of the sanction against your driving privilege must be submitted. When the Department receives your license or affidavit, we will send you a receipt.

**YOU MAY NOT RETAIN YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.** However, you may apply for and obtain a photo identification card at any Driver License Center. You must present two (2) forms of proper identification (e.g., birth certificate, valid U.S. passport, marriage certificate, etc.) in order to obtain your photo identification card.

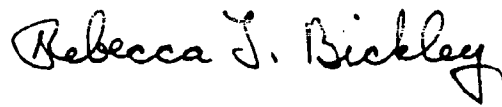
You have the right to appeal to the Court of Common Pleas (Civil Division) within thirty (30) days of the mail date of this notice. If you file an appeal in the County Court, the Court will give you a time-stamped certified copy of the appeal. In order for your appeal to be valid, you must send this time-stamped certified copy of the appeal by certified mail to:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Third Floor, Riverfront Office Center  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

You still must send in your license before the effective date of recall unless you appear in person before a judge and receive an order permitting you to continue driving.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Medical Unit, P.O. Box 68682, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8682 or call (717) 787-9662 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca L. Bickley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

Rebecca L. Bickley, Director  
Bureau of Driver Licensing

Driver License #: 22422121



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ORDER

AND NOW, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003, upon consideration of the within PETITION FOR APPEAL OF RECALL OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES and on motion by the Petitioner above named, Supercedeas of the suspension of the operating privileges of the Petitioner, as set forth in the official notice of the Director of the Bureau of Driver Licensing, Department of Transportation, mail date July 7, 2003, is hereby granted based on the report of Mark E. Lipitz, D.O. Further, Appellant shall hereafter refrain from the use of any drug containing ephedrine.

Written notice no later than sixty (60) days prior to the hearing shall be given to the Director of the Bureau of Driver Licensing, Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, of the date, time and location of said hearing.

Supercedeas Approved:

BY THE COURT

Judge

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# Blair Medical Associates, Inc.

1414 Eighth Avenue Altoona, PA 16602 (814) 946-1655 Fax: (814) 949-7616

August 06, 2003

Attorney Kim Kubista  
15 West Front Street  
Clearfield, PA 16830

RE: ALECIA F SPINGOLA  
DOB: 05/13/1971  
MRN: 111823

Dear Attorney Kubista:

Alecia F. Spingola does not have a seizure disorder per se.

She had one seizure on 08/29/03, and she had a NORMAL range awake and light sleep EEG (interpreted by Dr. Sandra Loychik).

She has no history of prior seizure. She does not have a "seizure disorder" therefore.

Moreover, her seizure occurred in the context of an ingestion of an unusually large dose of Ephedrine, which I would consider as a non-recurring toxic ingestion which likely provoked her seizure.

Within a degree of medical certainty, this patient is able to drive, subject to DMV approval.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Mark E. Lipitz, D.O.  
Blair Medical Associates  
Department of Neurology

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D: 08/06/03  
T: 08/07/03

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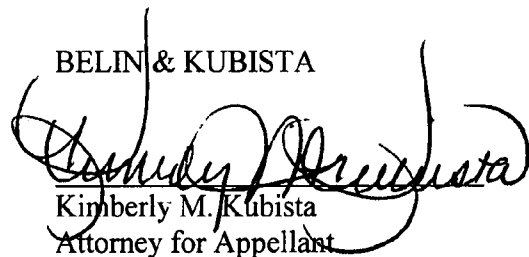
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have served a certified copy of Petition for Appeal of Recall of Driving Privileges in the above captioned matter by certified mail, restricted delivery on the 7th day of August, 2003 to the following:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Third Floor, Riverfront Office Center  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

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Kimberly M. Kubista  
Attorney for Appellant

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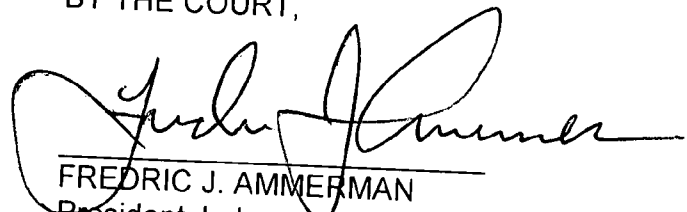
Alecia Spingola  
Defendant

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ORDER

NOW, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007, it is the ORDER of this Court that the above-captioned case be and is hereby dismissed due to inactivity.

BY THE COURT,

  
FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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