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Dennis Peck vs Comm of PA

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

Dennis J. Peck

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**APPEAL FROM ORDER SUSPENDING CERTIFICATION AS OFFICIAL  
SAFETY INSPECTOR**

1. The Appellant is Dennis J. Peck, having a mailing address of <sup>373</sup> 837 Rich Highway, DuBois, PA. 15801.
2. Appellant is the holder of the certification as a Safety Inspector, issued by PennDOT and designated as Mechanic No. 16157203.
3. The Appellee is the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having a mailing address of PennDOT, Vehicle Inspection Division, P.O. Box 69003, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-9003.
4. By letter or notice dated March 31, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Department of Transportation ordered Appellant to surrender his Certificate as an Official Safety Inspector for a period of two (2) months effective May 9, 2008.

5. The action of PennDOT in suspending the Appellant's Certificate as a Safety Inspector is based upon the allegation of PennDOT that he conducted a faulty inspection of a 1995 Ford Truck.

6. Appellant hereby appeals the foregoing action of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation pursuant to the provisions of 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 4724(b).

7. The suspension of Appellant's Certificate as an Official Safety Inspector operating privileges is alleged to be improper for the following reasons:

a. Appellant asserts that the inspection of the vehicle listed in the suspension notification was not faulty in any respect, but that the mechanical problems subsequently discovered to exist on the vehicle were caused by the use of the vehicle after the inspection was completed.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this matter be set down for a hearing and that the action of the Department of Transportation suspending his Certificate as a Safety Inspector be set aside.

**MOTION FOR SUPERSEDEAS**

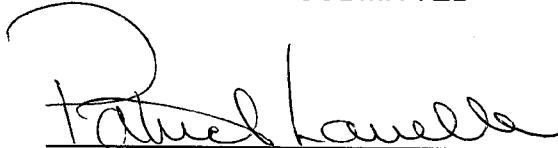
8. Appellant hereby incorporates the averments of paragraphs one (1) through seven (7) same as though set forth fully herein.

9. Appellant asserts that the above action of the Department of Transportation will have an adverse impact on the operation of his business.

10. Appellant further asserts that there is evidence available in this case that, if accepted as true, would support his position that the identified inspection was not faulty in any respect.

WHEREFORE the appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court will issue its Order of Supesedeas, staying the suspension of his Certificate as a Safety Inspector until the final disposition of this appeal.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



Patrick Lavelle

Patrick Lavelle, Esq.

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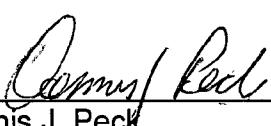
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VERIFICATION

I, Dennis J. Peck, the Appellant in this action, do hereby verify that all of the foregoing facts set forth in the forgoing Appeal from the Suspension of my Certificate as a Safety Inspector are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Further, I make this verification with knowledge and understanding of the provisions of 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 4904 (*Unsworn Falsification to Authorities*).

  
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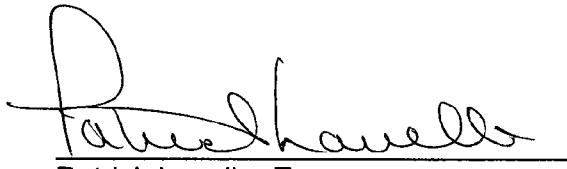
Department of Transportation

Appellee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, PATRICK LAVELLE, ESQ., by my signature appearing below, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, I served a copy of the foregoing Appeal from the Suspension of Certificate as a Safety Inspector by mailing same via first class mail, postage prepaid to the following:

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation  
Office of Chief Counsel  
Third Floor, Riverfront Office Center  
1101 South Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17104



Patrick Lavelle  
Patrick Lavelle, Esq.

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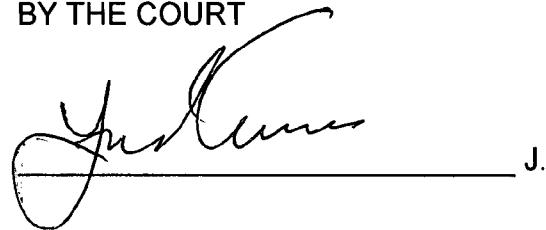
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ORDER

AND NOW this 22 day of April, 2008, it is hereby ORDERED  
and DECREED that this matter be set for a hearing to be held in Courtroom No.  
1, of the Clearfield County Courthouse on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 at  
10:00 o'clock A.M.

It is the further ORDER of this Court that the Appellant's Motion for  
Supersedeas is hereby GRANTED, and the Appellee is hereby Ordered to stay  
the imposition of the suspension of Appellant's Certification as a Safety Inspector  
until such time as the Court has entered Judgment on the matter.

BY THE COURT



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1CC Atty Lavelle

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DATE: 4/29/08

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Plaintiff(s)  Plaintiff(s) Attorney

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Defendant(s)  Defendant(s) Attorney

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Special Instructions:

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17104

Dennis J Peck  
873 Rich Hwy  
Dubois PA 15801  
(Dubois Car Care Center-OIS#X01)

Vehicle Inspection Division  
P. O. Box 69003  
Harrisburg PA 17106-9003  
Phone: (717) 787-2895  
MECHANIC #16157203  
CERTIFIED MAIL: 7004 2510 0001 4165 9892  
MAIL DATE: March 31, 2008

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF OFFICIAL SAFETY INSPECTOR**

You are hereby notified that your certification as an Official Safety Inspector is suspended, pursuant to Section 4726 of the Vehicle Code. No vehicle safety inspections may be performed during the suspension. Pursuant to Departmental regulations, your certification as an Official Safety Inspector will be suspended for two (2) months for faulty inspection of equipment or parts (1995 Ford VIN 1FTEF14N2SNB49743, sticker # AI7-4603874) by you.

The suspension(s) will run consecutively, for a total suspension of two (2) months. This suspension is to run consecutively with any other suspension(s) imposed by the Department for any violation considered separately. **THE SUSPENSION WILL BE EFFECTIVE May 9, 2008.** At this time, you are ordered to surrender to the Quality Assurance Officer, who is a representative of the Department of Transportation, your Safety Inspector Certification card. Upon completion of your suspension, your inspector certification card will be returned to you.

You have the right to appeal this Departmental Order of Suspension to the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the above referenced inspection station is located, **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE MAIL DATE OF THIS ORDER.** If you do file an appeal, a signed and time-stamped copy of the appeal must be served upon the Department at the mailing address listed below. **FILING OF AN APPEAL DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY STAY THE SUSPENSION.** In order for your privileges to be restored pending appeal, a signed Order of Supersedeas from the Court directing the Department to stay the suspension must be served upon the Department at the mailing address listed below.

MAILING ADDRESS:  
Department of Transportation  
Chief Counsel's Office  
Riverfront Office Center  
1101 S. Front Street, 3rd Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17104-2416

Sincerely,

Anita M. Wasko, Director  
Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : :

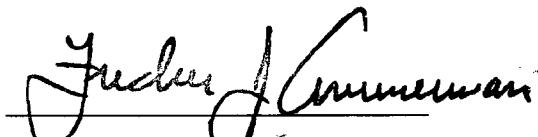
VS. : NO. 08-704-CD

DENNIS J. PECK : License Suspension Appeal

O R D E R

NOW, this 5th day of August, <sup>2008</sup> ~~2004~~, following the Commonwealth having rested its case in the above-described matter; upon the request of counsel for Dennis J. Peck, the Court hereby continues the hearing. Counsel for Petitioner shall have no more than ten (10) days from this date to notify the Court and the Commonwealth, in writing, if he desires that additional hearing time be scheduled for Petitioner's testimony. In the event additional time is requested, the Court will reschedule the matter. In the event that no additional time is requested, the Court will issue an Order formally closing the record and requiring briefs on the part of both parties.

BY THE COURT,

  
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President Judge

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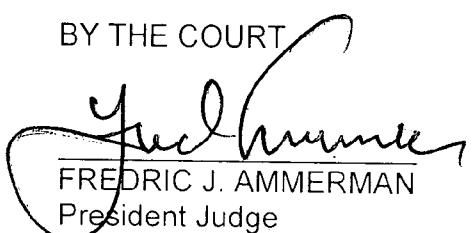
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Plaintiff \* No. 08-705-CD  
vs. \*  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, \* License Suspension Appeal  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, \*  
Defendant \*

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2008, upon request of Plaintiff's counsel, Patrick Lavelle, Esquire, it is the ORDER of this Court that an additional hearing in the above-captioned cases be and is hereby scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of the Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

One-half hour has been allotted for this proceeding.

BY THE COURT

  
FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION}

O R D E R

NOW, this 19th day of December, 2008, following conclusion of taking of testimony on the above-captioned License Suspension Appeal, it is the ORDER of this Court that counsel for both parties have no more than Forty-five (45) Days from this date to submit appropriate brief.

BY THE COURT,



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President Judge

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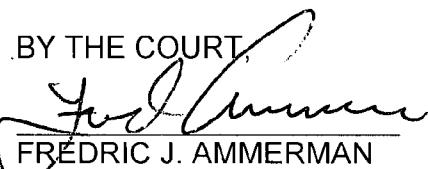
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, following completion of evidentiary hearing and the receipt of the parties' briefs; it is the ORDER of this Court that the Appeal of Dennis J. Peck from the suspension of certificate of appointment as official inspection station and certification as an official safety inspector be and is hereby DISMISSED.

BY THE COURT,

  
FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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