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Violation was failing to use seat belt while operating a commercial vehicle.

On Monday March 18, at approximately 9:30 A.M., I Carlos D. Goad, was driving a residential rear load refuse truck to American land fill. I was driving on RT. 30 east bound on a clear sunny morning with the sun rising in the east. The sun was so bright my visibility shirt was reflecting off the front windshield and blinding my vision. As I got on RT. 30 east from RT. 83 I could see two East State Highway Patrol SUV's sitting in the median approximately 1/2 mile away. I had just stopped at a residence to drop off a wallet that I found in the road that had money inside; I was returning the wallet to my supervisor (Bill Sigler). Mr. Sigler just suspended a driver for not wearing his seat belt. I am a driver trainer, and have spent 3 years on the steering safety committee.

As I approached the two commercial SUV's; one of them pulled out behind me and proceeded to follow me for a short distance, and pulled me over. As he walked up to the truck he stated the reason that he pulled me over was because I wasn't wearing my seat belt. I then told him yes Sir I was wearing my seat belt I always wear it. He then asked me if I was wearing my seat belt loosely, and I told him no Sir that I had my seat belt on. He then proceeded to do the inspection on the truck. After he was finished with the inspection he brought the report to me. I noticed that it stated I wasn't wearing my seat belt. I told him I spent 23 years in the military; integrity, honesty, and military values mean a lot to me. He stated so I have been here 29 years, and I know when somebody is not wearing a seat belt. I told him I was wearing my seat belt, and I was wearing it properly. He stated I'm not going to argue with you and left.

Since that day I have been looking at other trucks going toward the sun, and I can't even see inside the truck. I also kept in mind the seat belt is red, and that I work out and have big shoulder muscles that hide the top part of my seatbelt. I want to argue this point to the end, even if it cost me more money then the fine. It's a matter of principles! I would even agree to take a polygraph, but in return I would like the trooper to take one as well. He could really think he was in the right, but he was mistaken he could have improper motivational reasons.

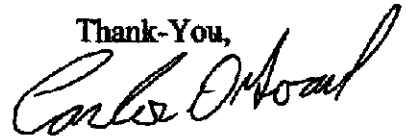
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Please except this letter in request of a conference, because of 10 years of service with this company I have always been honest, and out right professional. Don't get me wrong, I want Ohio roads to be safe, but I just ask that the troopers be right when they accuse somebody of something.

There is one other thing I would like to point out when I spoke with Wanda Williams of the Compliance Division the trooper that stopped me said the seat belt I was wearing was black, indeed it was red.

If you need to reach me for any questions regarding this matter feel free to reach me at my home number after 5:30 P.M.

Thank-You,



Carlos D. Goad



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