BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of : Case No.

Walter H. Bailey : 15-1534-TR-CVF

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## PROCEEDINGS

Before Kerry Sheets, Attorney Examiner, held at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.

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1 Thursday Morning, 2 November 12, 2015. 3 4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public 5 Utilities Commission of Ohio has set for hearing 6 at this time and place Case No. 15-1534-TR-CVF 7 in the matter of Walter H. Bailey. 8 My name is Kerry Sheets, I am an Attorney Examiner for the Commission and I have 9 10 been assigned to hear this case. 11 May I now have the appearances of 12 the parties, please, starting with Staff. 13 MR. JONES: Yes. Good morning, your Honor. On behalf of the Staff of the Public 14 15 Utilities Commission of Ohio, Ohio Attorney 16 General Mike DeWine, Assistant Attorney General 17 John Jones, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, 18 Ohio 43215. 19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. For 2.0 the Respondent. Give your name and address. 2.1 MR. BAILEY: Yes. My name is Walter 22 Bailey, and I live in Pamplin, Virginia, 347 23 Mountain View Road, Pamplin, Virginia. 24 And we came here because we feel we 25 are not quilty, and I don't know what I can do

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      to prove it or anything, but I thought I would
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      come and find out exactly what everybody had to
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      say.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you for
      now, Mr. Billy.
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                  MR. BAILEY: Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you have any
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      witness to call?
                  MR. JONES: Yes, your Honor. The
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      Staff would call Trooper Day to the stand.
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                  (WITNESS SWORN)
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                     TROOPER ANDREW DAY
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      called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
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      testified as follows:
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                     DIRECT EXAMINATION
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     By Mr. Jones:
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                  Trooper Day, would you please state
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      your name for the record, please?
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                  Trooper Andrew Day.
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             Q.
                  And where are you employed?
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                  The Chardon Highway Patrol post.
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             Q.
                  And how long have you been employed
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      there?
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                 Approximately three years.
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Can you please walk us through that

A. Yes. I was dispatched by my dispatcher to a reckless semi truck heading westbound in Lake County, Ohio on Interstate 90. Proceeded up there to sit at a cross-over at mile post 215, which is the county line there between Lake County and Ashtabula.

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The truck was described as a red cab with a white trailer with a farm logo. I observed the vehicle in the right lane coming westbound into Lake County. I pulled out behind it, observed several marked lane violations, the vehicle going over the white line at some point, multiple times.

I attempted to initiate a traffic stop with my red light bar around mile post 214. The vehicle didn't stop.

I then activated my siren and I ended up straddling both the right and left lane on the Interstate so the driver could see me and at least be aware that I was behind him attempting to make a traffic stop. Maybe he didn't see my lights when I was behind him, but if I straddled both lanes it would grab his attention in his side mirror.

The vehicle continued to go for

about two miles and stop westbound at the 212 pretty much at the exit ramp to State Route 528 in Madison Township.

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I made contact with Mr. Bailey, I asked him to exit the vehicle, which he did.

And through talking with him a whole lot of things weren't adding up to me as far as where he was coming from and going to.

I believe reviewing the motor carrier unit notes, bringing it back to me, he said he was coming from Virginia heading to Erie, PA, but he was in Lake County, Ohio and he was westbound which is opposite direction where he needed to be going. He needed to go eastbound if he was going to Erie.

And just kind of talking with him,
just like a normal traffic stop I would do,
still things weren't kind of adding up with
the conversation. Then I observed his logbooks
and noticed they were not up to date, which kind
of threw a red flag up to me, and that is when I
called for a Motor Carrier Unit.

And then I believe at some point in the conversation he stated he was a diabetic, so then I switched my thinking to a medical issue,

at which point I called Madison Township or village, I can't remember which one, there is right there, they both respond mutually at times.

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I had them come out, they took
the driver to the hospital, at which point the
truck was then going to be towed from there
since there was no other driver who had a valid
CDL to take possession of it.

Motor Carrier unit came out, inspected the vehicle. I proceeded to Madison Hospital. They told me he was going to be, I believe, they transported to Tri-Point Hospital which is Concord Township, which is about 20 minutes away from Madison Hospital.

So, I issued him a citation for a marked lanes violation. And that was the last contact I had with Mr. Bailey.

- Q. Okay. So, the nature of the stop was a traffic violation, marked lane violation, that you observed Mr. Bailey driving for a distance and not staying within his lane; is that correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. Okay. And at this time you were on

duty, on patrol, in uniform; is that correct?

- A. Yes.
  - O. In a marked cruiser?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. And the person that you stopped, is he in the courtroom today?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. Could you please point him out, describe him, please?
- A. Mr. Bailey is right there in a plaid shirt, white hair, clean shaven.
- MR. JONES: Your Honor, could the record reflect that the witness has identified Mr. Walter Bailey for the record?
- 15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay.
- MR. JONES: Thank you.
- Q. And so then you observed -- you had called then for an ambulance to come to the scene to evaluate Mr. Bailey. And you observed that evaluation, as far as them then transporting Mr. Bailey to a local hospital?
- A. I did not observe them as far as the treatment. They took him in the back of the ambulance and administered IVs, checked his vitals, checked the blood for the diabetes, or

however they do that. Then they took him from there.

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The only contact I made with the fire department and the ambulance was just a is he okay? And they said, yes, we are just going to take him to Madison for further evaluation. I said okay.

- Q. And with your contact with Mr. Bailey, what did you observe about his health?
- A. Well, when we first made contact he seemed somewhat confused as to exactly where he was in terms of his physical location at that time. I was just asking him normal questions I would. At times he just seemed somewhat confused and as he wasn't understanding the question.

And then at first on my day-to-day job that I would assume that would be somebody impaired on alcohol. With talking to him for a lengthy period of time I determined it was not alcohol related whatsoever.

And then I believe I asked him, I saw medications up in the cab and I asked him what he was taking them for. And at some point he said he was a diabetic, so I switched over my

thinking to this could be a diabetic episode.

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- Q. Did you have an opinion then as to his ability to operate a commercial motor vehicle?
- A. My opinion was that he should not be operating that vehicle whatsoever.
- Q. And that was on the basis that it was your opinion that he was impaired, not able to do that?
- A. I wouldn't say he was impaired. I would say that if you want to classify his medical condition as impairment, then, yes.

  But impaired in terms of drugs or alcohol, no.
- Q. But physically as far as what you could see from his appearance and his conversation with you you didn't think he was in any condition to operate a commercial motor vehicle?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And you said that you then issued him a citation for a marked lane violation?
  - A. Yes, I did.
- Q. And then as far as the truck then is located on the side of the road. You had called for an inspector to appear?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Through your dispatch?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. And then what happened in that regard? Did someone appear?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And who was that? Was that Officer Hilling?
  - A. Yes, it was.
  - Q. Okay. And what information did you communicate to him?
- A. Who the driver was, kind of what I briefly described here in terms of my traffic stop, and that he was being he had been evaluated by Madison, and was taken to Madison Hospital. And based on I believe the truck was still in the right exit lane which is why I called for a tow truck because it was a hazard.

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- Q. And did you then also explain to Officer Hilling the condition of Mr. Bailey?
- A. Yes.
- Q. And I believe you also testified that you had also looked in the cab of Mr.

  Bailey's vehicle to look for a logbook?

- 1 Α. Yes. 2 And you did discover the logbook? Ο. 3 I discovered several logbooks, yes. Α. 4 From your review of the logbooks in Q. 5 the cab what information did you see? That, I don't remember the exact 6 7 dates, but a certain time he had an extended 8 period where he was off duty, and then he had 9 nothing for the previous seven days from June --10 from my stop, June 10th, he had nothing seven 11 days previous to that. 12 And with a lengthy time off, not 13 having an entry within seven days, that is what 14 raised a red flag for me in order to call Motor 15 Carrier to do a further inspection. 16 MR. BAILEY: Can I ask a question? 17 MR. JONES: Not yet. Your Honor, 18 can I approach the witness, please? 19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Go ahead. 2.0 (EXHIBIT HEREBY MARKED FOR 2.1 IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES)
  - Q. Trooper Day, I have handed you what's marked as Staff Exhibit 2. Could you identify what is depicted there in that picture?
    - A. Daily logbook.

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     opportunity to review from your stop of Mr.
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                  At the very top it looks like 5,
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     2015, which --
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let me interrupt
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     you there. Do you have another copy of that?
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                  MR. JONES: Your Honor, I don't.
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     Well, let's see here. Sorry, your Honor. Here
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     you go.
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                  MR. JONES: Thank you.
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     the entry made on the logbook here. Is this
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     the -- tell me what page on the logbook this was
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     that you are reading from.
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- A. The page?
- Q. Yes. I mean, did you look through the logbook?
  - A. I think this was the first page I came across that was the most current entries that he made. It looks like he had quite a few days off, I think at that time assuming for the holiday. It was on May 31st, so assuming he was five days off for the holiday.
  - Q. So this was the last entry made in that particular logbook?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- Q. And it shows the dates that he was off in May, on May 27th through the 31st; is that correct?
  - A. Yes. That is what it appears.
  - Q. And then there was no other entry after that point?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And you said that you also discovered two other logbooks in the cab?
- A. Yes. Two other what looked like new logbooks that didn't have any entries in it.
- None that I remember.
- Q. All right. And what did you do with

the logbooks then?

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- A. Gave them to the Motor Carrier unit.
- Q. And did you subsequently make any follow-ups as to Mr. Bailey after this roadside stop?
  - A. No, I did not.
  - Q. Okay. Was there any time then following after that day, did you ever follow-up then as to Mr. Bailey with his being admitted to the hospital?
- A. No, I didn't.
- MR. JONES: Your Honor, that's all the questions I have for Trooper Day.
- 14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Very good. Go
  15 off the record here.
- 16 (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)
- 17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Back on the
- 18 record.
- 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 20 By Mr. Bailey:
- Q. Mr. Day, when you pulled up behind me on the highway, okay, you had your lights, you came up very fast, you had your lights on.
- You had your lights on when you came up very
- 25 | fast behind me; is that correct?

- A. Not initially.
- Q. Well, when you came up, you did have your lights on.
- 4 MR. JONES: Objection.
- 5 Argumentative, your Honor.

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- ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We will let the answer stand. And I will caution you, don't argue with the witness, just ask the question and then you have to move on to another question.
- MR. BAILEY: Okay.
- Q. All right. When you approached the truck what did you do?
- A. I believe I called you out from the cab.
- Q. Where were you standing when you called me out of the cab?
- A. I believe at the very back of the trailer on the driver's side.
- Q. Okay. All right. And when I got out of the cab and came back what did you do then?
- A. I believe I asked you to walk with
  me to the front passenger side of my patrol car.
- Q. What did you say prior to that?

- 1 I believe I -- I don't recall. Α. 2 can only assume based on my normal initial 3 contact with drivers of any motor vehicle. What 4 exactly I said, I can't recall, but usually I 5 say the reason why I stopped you was for this usually is my very beginning contact with a 6 7 driver.
  - Q. There was quite a bit said, but anyway I won't go into that right now. All right.

Once you got me back to the car what did you do then?

- A. I believe again asking questions about where you were coming from, where you were going to, what you were hauling.
  - Q. That was after you did what?
- A. I placed you in the back of my patrol car.
  - O. And what else after that?
  - A. Patted you down for weapons.
- Q. No, you didn't pat me down for weapons, but anyway. After --
- MR. JONES: Objection.
- 24 Argumentative, your Honor.

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25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It has to be a

question.

MR. BAILEY: I am trying to get him to -- your Honor, I am trying to get him to review what he did.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You have to ask a question. If he supplies the answer then you have to move on to another question.

- Q. So, once I am in the back of the patrol car what did you do then?
- A. I don't recall. Without having video of the stop I can't recall what the exact things I did step-by-step back on June 10th.
- Q. Once you asked for the license and registration card what did you do then?
  - A. I believe you didn't have some of it on you and I asked you to retrieve it from the cab. You said it was in the center console area.
- 19 Q. Did I tell you at that point that 20 it's --
- 21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ask a question.
  22 Okay? Go ahead, if it's a question.
  - Q. Did I tell you at that time that it's in a little basket right there on the edge of the doghouse right in front of the driver's

- 1 seat next to the dash? My wallet and my phone. 2 Did I or did I not?

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- Yes, I believe you did say something Α. about the basket and the doghouse.
  - 0. Okay. And you then asked me what?
  - If I can retrieve those items.
- Q. That is exactly right. Okay. And once you retrieved them then what did you do?
- Came back to the patrol car with Α. 10 them.
- After that where did you go from 11 0. 12 there?
- 13 Α. At this point in time I have no 14 recollection exactly what I did.
- 15 0. Okay. At what point did you think 16 that the logbooks violation was intact?
- 17 At what point did I think there was Α. a logbook violation? 18
- 19 Ο. Yes.
- 2.0 I believe when I reviewed Α. 2.1 the logbook.
- 22 Okay. And for you to go get the Q. 23 logbooks, what did you do?
- 24 I would have asked you. Α.
- 25 Q. Did you?

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I believe I did. I believe I asked
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     you if you had a logbook.
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                 And my answer was?
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                 I believe you said yes.
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             Q.
                 And at any time did you see this
     book laying on the motor (indicating)?
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You have got to
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      show it to him.
             A. Possibly. I can't recall exactly
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     seeing this. There is a possibility.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Show counsel
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     the book. And I am assuming that's your
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     logbook?
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                  MR. BAILEY: That is the current
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     logbook for that time.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Proceed.
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                Okay. Do you want to open it and
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     see what it is?
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            A. Logbook.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Has counsel seen
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     it, the inside of it?
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                  MR. JONES: Is there a question?
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                  MR. BAILEY: Is there a question
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                  MR. JONES: Is there a question from
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      see that. I can't recall.
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      you saw were laying in the bunk?
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                  I believe so.
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      accessible, so that's where you saw them, you
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      looked at them and that's what you went for was
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      the ones that you saw, and not the one that I
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                  Okay. So, you kept on and on about
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      the logbooks to me.
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                  I believe I kept asking questions.
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      the logbook was laying?
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let's go off
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      the record again.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We are going
      back on the record.
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                  We will mark this Respondent Exhibit
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                  (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR PURPOSES OF
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      IDENTIFICATION)
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                   MR. BAILEY: I have no more
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      questions.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you have any
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      redirect?
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                  MR. JONES: Yes.
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                    REDIRECT EXAMINATION
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      By Mr. Jones:
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                  Trooper Day, you had testified that
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      you had recovered three logbooks from the cab of
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      the commercial motor vehicle that Mr. Bailey was
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      operating that day on June 10th; is that
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      correct?
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                  Yes.
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                  And did you show -- what did you do
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      with those logbooks when you removed them? Did
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      you have a chance to go over those logbooks then
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- A. I don't recall. I might have asked him questions regarding them. Physically showing him, I don't recall that.
- Q. And I think you testified the area, that the three logbooks were recovered back in the sleeper area; is that correct?
  - A. I believe so.
- Q. And at any time did Mr. Bailey tell you to look elsewhere in the cab for a logbook?
  - A. I don't recall that.
- Q. You don't recall?
- 13 A. No. Correct. I don't recall 14 anywhere else.
- Q. The Respondent's Exhibit 1, have you ever seen that before?
- A. Not that I am aware of.
- 18 MR. JONES: No other questions, your
- 19 Honor.
- 20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you have any
- 21 on recross, Mr. Bailey?
- MR. BAILEY: No, I guess not, your
- 23 Honor. He doesn't recall any of the things that
- 24 I would like.
- 25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: No questions on

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      By Mr. Bailey:
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                  One that I would like to ask is when
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      did you give me back my personal effects, and
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                  What personal effects?
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                  If you can't recall any of this
      stuff, your Honor, there is no way I can bring
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      this to a head because --
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                  MR. JONES: Objection, your Honor.
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      It's not a question being posed here at this
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      point, it's just commentary.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ask your
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      question now, Mr. Bailey.
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                  How many times did you come to the
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      emergency hospital?
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                  Only once?
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                  I went to Madison ER.
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      the last time we had contact.
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             Q.
                  What did you do when you came to
     Madison ER the last time?
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                  I issued you a citation.
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             Q.
                  And what did you do with it?
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- A. Gave it to you.
- Q. No. What did you do with it?

3 MR. JONES: Objection.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: He has answered the question. You have got to move to another one.

7 MR. BAILEY: Well, Your Honor, 8 apparently he can't recall anything that is 9 important.

MR. JONES: Objection, your Honor.

I object to the commentary. It is not a

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Ask it in the form of a question. Do you have anymore questions for the Trooper that you haven't asked already?

17 MR. BAILEY: I do not.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: No more?

MR. BAILEY: I do not have no more

20 questions for him right now, no.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. You are

22 excused.

MR. JONES: Your Honor, at this time

24 staff would call Officer Hilling to the stand.

25 (WITNESS SWORN)

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2	OFFICER CARL HILLING				
3	called as a witness, being first duly sworn,				
4	testified as follows:				
5	DIRECT EXAMINATION				
6	By Mr. Jones:				
7	Q. State your name for the record,				
8	please.				
9	A. Carl Hilling.				
10	Q. And where are you employed?				
11	A. The Ohio State Highway Patrol, Brook				
12	Park, Cleveland post.				
13	Q. And what is your job title and				
14	responsibilities?				
15	A. Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector.				
16	And we basically inspect trucks and enforce the				
17	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration				
18	regulations and State of Ohio laws.				
19	Q. And how long have you been employed				
20	in your position?				
21	A. About 18 months.				
22	Q. And what training and certification				
23	have you had to qualify you for your position?				
24	A. There is an initial six-month				
25	training process through the State Highway				

Patrol training academy. And we have continual in-service training, and we have an annual recertification program that has to be passed.

- Q. And so you are qualified and authorized to enforce the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations?
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- Q. And what equipment is issued to you to perform your duties?
- A. We have a patrol car, our uniforms, our radios in the car, portable laptop computer and printer for generating inspection reports.

Various manuals and literature from the state as well as the federal government. A creeper, wheel chucks, some measurement tools.

- Q. Okay. And what is the scope of your jurisdiction?
- A. State of Ohio, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. All regulations throughout the entire state.
- Q. And in the course of your duties as an inspector do you ever generate any paperwork, any documents?
- A. Yes.
  - Q. Could you describe that process,

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- A. The actual typing and what we do through --
  - Q. Why is it done and what it's for?
- A. In the course of our duties in conducting a vehicle inspection we document the basic identification information from DOT numbers and name and address and phone numbers and all the information on drivers, as well as any violations in the course of the inspection that we find.

And type into our laptop computer, and we have an Aspen is the software, particular software program that's utilized. And once all the information that is required is entered we actually physically print out the report.

MR. JONES: Your Honor, may I approach the witness, please?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You may.

MR. JONES: Thank you.

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Q. Officer Hilling, I am going to hand you what's marked as Staff Exhibit 1. Could you please identify that document for the record,

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- A. This is a motor vehicle or truck inspection report. Specifically I guess vehicle examination report. We refer to them in the field as inspection reports.
- Q. Okay. And does this document look familiar to you as to this inspection?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And was this report generated by you?
- 11 A. Yes.
  - Q. And if you would tell me the report number that is generated in the upper right-hand corner of the report, where does that number come from?
    - A. That is generated when I -- that is assigned when I generate an inspection report in the field. The OH for Ohio and the 3234 are my unit number. And then the rest is the report number in sequence.
      - Q. And the date of inspection?
      - A. June 10th, 2015.
        - Q. And the inspection level?
- A. This was a Level 3, just checking paperwork only.

- Q. That is what that means, checking the paperwork?
  - A. Level 3, yes. Yes.

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- Q. And what paperwork did you check in this case?
- A. I reviewed the driver's license, logbook that we could find. I believe the registration. I don't recall seeing any shipping documents or bill of lading.

And generally require the medical certification or medical card, but that was not -- I was not able to find that.

- Q. Okay. Let me back up here a second. How is it that you became involved in this inspection?
- A. This was after my shift had ended by several hours, and I was called by telephone by my supervisor, informed me that there was a situation with an impaired driver in Lake County, and was not an inspector available based out of that local post, and asked if I was available. And so I was dispatched.
- Q. You were dispatched. And what did you find when you arrived at that location?
  - A. When I arrived the truck as

- described by Trooper Day was pulled over at an exit ramp. Mr. Bailey was not there. There was -- I believe there were two Troopers,

  Trooper Day, and I don't recall the other

  Trooper that was there. There may have been three when I got there. One left right away, but I recall two Troopers.
  - Q. So when you arrived then at this location where Mr. Bailey's commercial motor vehicle was located on the berm of the ramp, you were on duty at this time and you were in uniform?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. And then were you then briefed by Trooper Day as to the circumstances at hand?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And what was reported to you?
- A. Well, I don't recall if it was my first question, but generally a driver, especially when I was contacted that the driver was impaired in some way, I was kind of surprised when I arrived there was no driver.

And Trooper Day had described the situation just as he had described when he was sitting in my seat previously; that the reason

for his stop, the marked lane violation, the concern over some of the paperwork, the logbooks specifically. And the story of Mr. Bailey's trip.

And he explained that he was transported via squad to the hospital, to a local hospital, before I had arrived. So I didn't have a chance to speak with Mr. Bailey.

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A. And at that point, if I can just add, generally when we are called out it's an accident or a situation with an impaired driver, something along those lines, not your typical scenarios.

And so at that point the inspectors will decide whether a Level 1, which is a full blown inspection; or a Level 2, which is kind of a walk-around; or a Level 3, which is just a paperwork check is initiated.

And at that point I just decided to go for a Level 3.

- Q. Okay. And so at that time then did you happen to go into the cab of the truck?
- A. I did. I did. And that is one of the things that I recall, just wanting to be

thorough and be sure that we had not overlooked anything. So I did go in the cab and look in cubby holes and pockets and throughout. I didn't reach under mattresses in the sleeper berth or things of that nature. I didn't disrupt anything, but I did look around.

- Q. So, then you were looking around as to anything in plain sight, either between the seats or --
  - A. Right. Right.

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- Q. Did you at any time see Respondent's Exhibit 1 in the cab?
- A. Not that I recall, because something -- typically just based on other inspections if I would see something like that I would, in my experience with drivers, that's the type of binder or book that important papers are kept in. So if I saw something like that in the cab I would definitely ask the driver about it.

Without the driver, if I would have seen that, despite the rubber band, I would have peeked into that to see if there was something we needed.

Q. So, you were then made aware from Trooper Day the nature of his traffic stop of

Mr. Bailey?

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And the circumstances surrounding that?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. And what did you learn from that?
  - A. That there were initial reports of a reckless semi, and Trooper Day stopped him and had some concern over possible impairment, and some questions and some information that didn't seem to make sense.

And as mentioned previously, sent Mr. Bailey to the hospital. And then at that point somewhere along that line had contacted the dispatch to dispatch a motor carrier inspector.

And he provided the information as far as driver's license and the three logbooks that we were able to find. And I think he had the registration information. He had most of the information by the time — it was about 50, 55 minute trip for me to get out there. So by the time I arrived he had all the information as far as physical information I needed for the report.

- Q. And what information did you rely on in drawing the conclusion that this was impairment due to a health related matter?
- A. Trooper Day had mentioned that the driver had said something about being a diabetic. So there was a medical issue.

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And then the reckless driving, or the citation for marked lane violation went hand-in-hand with driving with impairment, medical condition.

- Q. Did you also have any concerns as to what was communicated by Mr. Bailey to Trooper Day in regards to the origin and destination of the trip?
- A. Yes. Trooper Day mentioned that Mr. Bailey had informed him that he was I believe coming from left home in Virginia and on his way to Erie, Pennsylvania to pick up a load. And he was on 90 westbound, which coming from Virginia to Erie where he could have been on a map is past Erie. So he was going in the wrong direction to go to Erie.
- Q. And you identified all this information in the report; is that correct?
  - A. Well, I made some inspection notes.

Any time we are called out, especially after hours or for special circumstances such as a traffic enforcement or an accident, I make some notes in the report, and I don't believe my inspection notes are part of the initial report.

I do see them on your copy, but when I print a copy from my computer it does not have my inspection notes. But, I made -- I put some notes in just to refresh my memory.

- Q. And are these your notes?
- A. Yes. Yes.

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- Q. And would you please read your notes for the record, please?
- A. I started with Trooper Day. His unit No. 0736. The court code of 4320. The citation No. OHP280736061020152151. And then I just made some notes to jog my memory about this particular inspection and the circumstances.

Driver was transported to the hospital before I arrived. Trooper stopped the driver for marked lane violation.

No alcohol detected. Driver seemed confused and impaired and his story did not make sense. Driver told Trooper he was diabetic and did not drink alcohol.

I was unable to view medical card.

The driver told the Trooper he left home in

Virginia, was on his way to Erie, PA to pick up

Driver had a logbook with last entry was off duty 5-31-15. Two brand new logbooks were in the cab with no entries. Trooper followed up with hospital and was told driver did have some type of medical condition and tests were being run.

- Q. Okay. So then you also here listed violations as part of your report?
  - A. Correct.

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- Q. What are the violations that you had reported here?
- A. I cited him for failing to retain previous seven-day logbook or records of duty status. It was June 10th, and the date of the inspection and the last entry was May 31st.

And then the second one was operating commercial motor vehicle while impaired by illness or other cause. But this was specifically illness related.

Q. And so the logbook violation piece that you testified to, that was related to the

three logbooks that were recovered from the cab of Mr. Bailey's commercial motor vehicle, and that no other logbooks were found or discovered in the cab at that time; is that correct?

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- Q. And so then you had verified the identity of Mr. Bailey how?
- A. Well, No. 1, Trooper Day had his driver's license information, but also any time we do an inspection such as this we take photographs and the photographs, his name is on the side of the truck. And also with his USDOT number identifies whose authority the truck is being operated, and it was his.
- Q. And do you have before you Staff Exhibit 2? Is that up there?
- 17 A. No.

MR. JONES: Your Honor, may I approach the witness?

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You may.

- Q. Officer Hilling, I am going to hand you what has been marked as Staff Exhibit 2. Could you please identify Staff Exhibit 2, please?
- A. These are photographs that were

taken by me on June 10th while conducting this inspection.

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- Q. And do you want to walk us through each page and what is depicted for each page?
- A. The first page is a photo of the most recent logbook entries, and it's from May 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. Walter Bailey, identified as off duty. And he has completed the name and the identification and he signed the signature which is required.

And the line off duty status, and hours totalled up. It's a little bit fussy.

It's dark, it was evening, and it was dark and I tried to light it up, but didn't work out too well.

The second was in my attempt to make sure there was a clear picture. And it's even a little fuzzier.

The third page is two other logbooks that were found that were brand new. I recalled flipping through making sure, looking for some log entry, which there were none.

And then just for identification purpose took, opened the top logbook on the next photo and shows that blank page.

And then we have the trailer license plate, and we take these just for identification purposes. And then the DOT number on the side of the tractor. And then also the door of the -- driver's side door of the tractor, which shows Mr. Bailey. And then the license plate for the tractor is the last photo.

- Q. Okay. You said you had taken these pictures at the scene of the inspection.
  - A. Yes.

- Q. And are these pictures accurate representations of what you observed at that time?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And now for your report, your examination report itself, and it was prepared at that time when you did your inspection as well?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And is this record then, was it transmitted to anybody?
  - A. It was generally in traffic follow-up or traffic enforcement or accident violations, prior to submitting this, the report is generated and typically generally the report

is printed and given to the driver. The driver not being there, I submitted my report electronically to my supervisor.

And I don't know for certain, but assumed that he mailed it to Mr. Bailey, or to the address that was on here. But I did not print a report at the scene and give it to anyone.

- Q. And was the report forwarded on to any agencies?
- A. I submit it electronically to the PUCO, and wherever it goes electronically.
  - Q. And is the Staff Exhibit 1, is this a record that is kept in the ordinary course of business of the State Highway Patrol as far as documenting?
  - A. All my inspection reports are saved on my laptop, and I would, can't say for certain, but I assume there is a mainframe or big computer somewhere that is backing that stuff up.
  - Q. So it's a business record for your agency?
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MR. JONES: Your Honor, I have no

further questions.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Bailey, do you have questions on cross-examination of this witness?

MR. BAILEY: Yes.

## CROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Bailey:

- Q. If you did an inspection you filed the paperwork with your department? Yes or no?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Is there some way that the owner of the truck is supposed to get a copy of this paperwork?
  - A. Yes. That is why I said I sent it to my supervisor, and I did not follow up with him to make sure that he sent it. But, generally in these situations when the driver, if someone with the vehicle is not available it will be sent via e-mail or through the postal service, a copy of it.
  - Q. And if they don't do that then how does the owner of the truck or the one that is supposed to be getting the citation or whatever, how does he find out about it?
- 25 A. I am not sure. I am not certain.

Q. And if he doesn't find out about it for 20, 30 days or so then what happens?

MR. JONES: Your Honor, I am going to have to object. This is kind of assuming facts not in the record as far as it not being done.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You have to move on to another question.

Q. What I am trying to find out is how does the owner of the vehicle find out if he is being charged, or has a violation in the State of Ohio with the PUCO, how does he find out if he is not there, nobody brings it to him, nobody gives it to him, and nobody sends it to him and until you get this letter saying that you are charged with this and this and you got to pay this much?

How does the driver or owner of the truck find out anything prior to getting this?

A. I am not --

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Excuse me. If you don't know say it.

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Well, I can understand a lot of this, but a lot of it I can't understand. And

as far as asking you direct questions on this, it's a little awkward because most, is it or is it not true that most of the information that you have came from Officer Day?

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- Q. And did he have the license of the driver?
- ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Again if you don't know say so.
- A. I don't recall whether physically he had it or he had written the number down. I don't recall.
- Q. Well, because the point is if the
  officer should have the license he would of had
  the medical cards and everything else with the
  driver's wallet. Okay? I mean, that was
  the reason for the question. If you don't
  recall, okay.
- MR. JONES: I object to the
  commentary. There is no question there, your
  Honor.
- 22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I think we had 23 an answer to the question.
- MR. BAILEY: All right. I guess I don't have anymore questions for you.

48 1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you have 2 redirect? 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION By Mr. Jones: 4 Officer Hilling, you testified that 5 0. 6 the DOT number on the truck was registered to 7 who? 8 Walter H. Bailey. Α. And also from the pictures you took 9 Ο. 10 what name appeared on the side of the truck? 11 Α. Walter H. Bailey. 12 And who did Trooper Day identify to Q. 13 you was operating the commercial motor vehicle? 14 Walter H. Bailey. Α. 15 MR. JONES: No other questions, your 16 Honor. 17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Any on recross, 18 Mr. Bailey? 19 MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, the 2.0 questions that I need to ask I can't ask them. 2.1 And the questions on that --22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It would be based on what he said on redirect. So you have 23 24 no other questions? 25 MR. BAILEY: No.

49 1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You are excused. 2 MR. JONES: Your Honor, Staff has one more witness, but could I ask for a 3 two-minute recess? I don't have sufficient 4 5 copies for the Court for the other document that 6 I need to present. 7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let's take a break here for 10 minutes. 8 9 MR. JONES: Thank you. 10 (RECESS TAKEN) 11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Back on the 12 record. 1.3 MR. JONES: Your Honor, Staff has 14 one other witness to call. Jonathan Frye. 15 (WITNESS SWORN) 16 17 JONATHAN FRYE called as a witness, being first duly sworn, 18 testified as follows: 19 2.0 DIRECT EXAMINATION 2.1 By Mr. Jones: 22 Would you state your name for the 23 record, please? 24 Jonathan Frye. Α. 25 Q. And where are you employed?

- A. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
  Transportation Department.
- Q. And what is your job title and responsibilities?
- A. I am the Chief of the Compliance
  Division. I am responsible for reviewing the
  fines that are assessed against drivers,
  carriers, shippers.
- Q. And did you have occasion to review and make yourself familiar with the case file of Walter Bailey?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Would you please explain the process as to how information is received by the Commission as to inspections done in the field?
  - A. Yes. The inspections are uploaded into the computer system by the inspector and then the information is downloaded into our computers into the Compliance Division.
  - Q. And after that information is received and reviewed is there any sort of calculation that is made then by the Commission?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Staff?

A. Yes. The violations are broken up into one of four groups based upon the types of violations that are discovered, and based upon the violations that are discovered and the severity a monetary fine is assessed to each one of the violations that are discovered out on the roadway.

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- Q. And the process you go through, does it provide for uniformity, consistency as to the types of violations that are reported?
- A. Yes. No matter who the carrier or driver is the violations are assessed uniformly.
- Q. And is there compliance with the way this procedure is done with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance?
- A. Yes. We base our fine schedule upon the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Alliance fine structure.
- Q. So there was a forfeiture then that was calculated and recommended for assessment by Staff in this case against Mr. Bailey?
  - A. That's correct.
- MR. JONES: Your Honor, let me stop
  there. Can I approach the witness, your Honor?

  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You may.

(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION)

- Q. Mr. Frye, I have what's before you marked as Staff Exhibit 3. Could you please identify that document for the record, please?
- A. Yes. It's a Notice of Preliminary determination letter.
- Q. And was this generated by your department?
  - A. Yes.

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- Q. And could you please describe what information is contained therein?
- A. Yes. It contains the violation codes that were written by the officer out in the field, and it also contains the grouping for the various violations. The violations would be broken up into one of four groups.

And it also contains the violation descriptions that were written out on the road by the inspector. In this particular case the inspector wrote the violation "Driver failing to retain previous seven-day record of duty status. Last log was found on 5-31 of '15."

He also wrote a violation for

"Illness. Operating a commercial motor vehicle

while impaired by illness or other cause" which was a Group 4 violation.

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- Q. And how does this then track the vehicle examination report that was received by the Commission?
- A. The Notice of Preliminary

  Determination letter has the case number. And
  the letter itself has the Case No. OH3234010221
  and the letter D, which is the case number that
  is identified of the vehicle examination report
  that the officer wrote out in the field.
- Q. So that would match the case number, report number, from the vehicle examination report, Staff Exhibit 1?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. And then there is a letter added to that number?
- A. There is a letter D, meaning that the violation is against the driver. If this was a violation against the carrier we would add the letter C.
- Q. Okay. And so here it appears as a D, so that would be a driver violation?
  - A. That's correct.
    - Q. And what date was this letter sent

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- A. On August the 9th, 2015.
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- A. Mr. Walter H. Bailey.
- O. And the address?
- A. 347 Mountain View Road, Pamplin,
  Virginia 23958.
  - Q. And that information then was taken from the vehicle examination report as well?
    - A. That's right.
  - Q. The address?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. And based on the calculation made by
  the Staff in this case how much is Staff
  recommending for the assessment of these
  violations, these two violations?
- A. \$100 for the failing to retain
  the previous seven-day record log, and \$100 for
  operating a commercial motor vehicle while
  impaired by illness or other causes, which for a
  total of \$200.
  - Q. And what was the method of service for this letter to go out to Mr. Bailey?
- A. This particular letter by regular mail.

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And he rode along, and I guess a period of almost two miles, and so I am thinking why is he sitting so far back? This is me thinking, I am thinking why he is sitting so far back and not coming up closer unless there is another vehicle in between us.

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So I moved a little bit where I could see behind me on one side, and I didn't see anything. And I went on a little further and I still didn't see anything.

So I moved a little bit to the other side and I looked back and I still didn't see nothing. So said, well, maybe he wants me to stop.

So I went on up and there was an exit going off, so I just put the signal light on and pulled on over and he pulled on over behind me.

And so I am sitting there waiting for him to come up to the truck to find out what he wants.

So, he comes up to the back of the trailer about 10, 15 feet back from the trailer and he motions for me to get out of the truck and come back there. So I got out of the truck

and went back there.

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Of course, I didn't put my wallet and phone and all that stuff back in my pocket like normally would if you were going in a truck stop or something. So I went back there to see what he wanted.

And, of course, when I got out of the truck the heat and all hit me. Just cool, comfortable inside the truck, but when I got out of the truck it just kind of made me woosey.

So, I walked on back there and before I even got to the back of the trailer he asked me, says "Are you drunk?" And I says "No, I am not. I don't drink."

He said "Are you on drugs?" I said "No, I don't take drugs."

So I walked on back there and he said "What's wrong with you?" I said "I have no idea." I said I wasn't like this until the air hit me, the heat and everything."

And he said, "Well, I think what you are going to do is you are going to come over here with me."

So, I said okay. "He said are you diabetic or something?" I and said yes. He

said "Are you having a problem with sugar?"
And I says "I haven't been, no."

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So he said "You come on over here and you sit down." He said "I am going to have you sit in the car." So I said okay. I said "It's hot in here." And he says "Get in the car."

So I got in the car, and I sit down.

And he said "Do you have a license
and registration card?" I said "Yes, I do, but
they are in my wallet and it's inside the truck.

It's right up there on the doghouse in the
truck. I have got a little basket sitting there
and I keep my phone and my wallet in there.

Registration card and all is there with it."

So he says "Do I have permission to go up there and get that out of your truck?"

I said, "Yes, you got permission to go up there and get that out of my truck. When you open the door and the seat is there and it's right in front of the seat on the right."

And he said okay. So he goes up there and he gets that and he comes back and he is in front of the car and he opens my wallet up and he goes through it and he gets my license

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     disappears. Slams the door and I am sitting in
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     this hot police car.
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     few minutes and he comes back and he says "I
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can't find a current logbook. All I can find is the one that ends in 5-31." And I said "That is because that was last month's logbook. It was lying back in the bunk, and I have got some new ones back there also. But this month's logbook is laying on the doghouse. My current logbook is laying on the doghouse in the truck, right beside the seat."

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"Well, I didn't see it." And I says
"That doesn't mean it's not there. It's there.
When I got out of the truck it was laying right
there. You can't miss it."

"Well, I will go look." So, he disappeared a little bit. And the other police officer when he came back he says "The man needs some air. Would you please open the door and let him get some air. The man, if he's sick, he needs air."

And he said, "No, he is staying in the car, he is not getting out, and he will just have to wait and we will call the paramedics and have them come and check him out."

So, he says "Do you have any objection to that?" And I says "I don't think I am sick or nothing, but that's what you want to

do, okay, fine."

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So, anyway, kept me in the car and he went back up there. I don't know what he did. But, anyway, he wouldn't let me back.

I asked him could I go back and get it for him, he said "No, you are going to stay in this car right here." And a couple times I said "Can I get some air?" He said "You stay in the car."

So, I stayed in the car. And the other police officer says "He needs some air, let the man out to get some air." He said "He is not getting out, he is going to stay in the car."

So, that was the way that went. So, to make a long story short, anyway, after a little bit I had been in the car probably hour, hour and a half, and the other officer kept coming, he says "He told me I couldn't let you out." Okay.

And so the paramedics or the ambulance came and they came back there to check me out. And he told him, he says "He is a little bit delusional and everything. So, you know, make sure you have him secured."

And I think what? So, they come

over and they wanted to know if I could walk and everything. I said I guess I can. You know, I walked back here to the car.

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And I said "I would like to get some fresh air, if I could." And they said "Well, come on with us." So they said "We are going to check you out and everything and see if we can figure out what's wrong with you." And I said "I don't know what's wrong with me. I was fine until I got out of the truck. Once I got out of the truck I said the heat and everything just made me all woosey like. So I don't know what's wrong with me."

And so he is "Are you diabetic?"

I said, "Yes, but I haven't been having any
problem with sugar or anything like that. I
take the pills for it and I don't have a problem
with my sugar."

So he says, "Well, we are going to check you out. Come on over here and we will have you sit down right here in the back of the ambulance." And I said okay.

So got over and he says "No, we want you to get up in the ambulance and sit on the gurney." And I said okay. So, I did.

I got up there and sat down. And when I sat down one of the attendants started buckling me down to the gurney. And I am saying "What is all this about? "Well, if you are a little bit unstable we don't want you to fall off the gurney or anything while we are transporting you to the hospital."

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And I said "I thought you were going to check me out." And he says "They will do that at the hospital."

So, here I go off, my trunk door is open, the motor is running, the lights are on, the flashers on, everything, and I am going down the road and my truck is being left.

So, I get to the hospital and they start checking me over and everything. And they did the blood sugar and everything. And they said my sugar was a little bit elevated, but it wasn't that severe.

And then they checked me for other stuff. And I told them I need to go to the bathroom. So, anyway, they said we need to check your urine. So they did that. And they started doing all these other tests.

All right. Officer Day had my

wallet, my phone, all my credentials and everything.

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So, somewhere along the way he called my wife and family and told them that he had me taken to the hospital; that I was a little bit delirious and incoherent or whatever. And that so told him, fine, good, going to the hospital, we are on our way.

So, anyway, after they started checking me and everything and I am sitting there and been in the hospital for probably an hour or so. And Officer Day shows up and he brings my little bag that has my medicines and stuff like that for my diabetes. Brought all of that and he left it.

Well, he talked to the nurse for a little bit and then he left. Well, some half hour or 45 minutes or so later he comes back into the room, doesn't say anything to me neither time he comes into the room, and he talks to the nurse out in the hallway and comes in and he puts my wallet and my phone in my medicine bag. And along with this he goes up there and he is writing something and I asked him, I said "What are you doing? And he says

"You can find out later."

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And he sticks that in my bag and leaves the room. I didn't see him anymore. So then after that they kept me for a while and they ran all kind of tests and everything on me.

And then they came in and told me that "We are going to transport you over to the other hospital." And I says, "Well, I thought I was in a hospital. Well, this is an emergency facility to where we check people and then we have to ship them over to the other hospital."

And I say "Well, if I need to go over there, okay, let's do it." So, they did. They transported me over to the other hospital about 2-ish in the morning. I don't know exactly what time it was, but around 2-ish in the morning.

So we went over to the other hospital and they admitted me in and everything. And my family got there about six or seven in the morning.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Can you give us a bottom line what happened here?

MR. BAILEY: I had pneumonia, which affected a little bit of my abilities to know

exactly everything. Outside when the heat hit me it really offset the pneumonia bad. So I had triple pneumonia, which normally is a killer, they say. And I had that and it offset while I was driving, I had no idea I was sick or I had any problems or anything like this.

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And then when it started hitting on me it hit pretty hard. So when I got out and got put in that hot police car for all that time it really blowed up.

So I had triple pneumonia and they kept me in the hospital up there for about three days. And then we came home because my neighbor across the road from me, he died, and were having his funeral and I wanted to get home to at least see him before he was buried.

So we left the hospital, went home. And I had a relapse of the triple pneumonia and it took forever for it to kind of dissipate and for me to get better.

So, I got better. And we got everything, I had the hearing and stuff. But in the meantime I didn't know anything about all of the DOT stuff, none of this. And we got a letter from the State of Virginia telling me

that FMCSA, all this reports and stuff, they were going to review my authority and everything else.

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And I am thinking what, what, from Ohio? And then a day or two later we get the letter from them telling us that we have a fine to pay for the \$200, which is this one here, one like that. And I am thinking for what? What is it for.

So I called the number that was on that and talked to I believe Terry Veit and she told me, she says you can appeal it and I said I don't understand. I said I never got a copy of anything. I don't know what this is all about. I said can you tell me something?

And she read the findings and she read it to me. And she said I was supposed to get a copy of that or something. And she said I should have gotten one and I said I haven't, I don't know nothing about it, I haven't received nothing in the mail, nothing from anybody except for this bill from the Ohio Public Commission.

And I said I don't know what to do with this because I am not guilty. It says I did not have a logbook and I had one all

the time. I got home, it's still there, I said I don't understand why I am charged for not having a logbook when the old one was in the bunk and the new one laying around where I told the police it was. I said I don't understand.

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And so anyway, she says you will have to bring it up with somebody else. She said, you know, as far as I am concerned guilty as charged, you know. And I said — but I was trying to explain. She says she don't want to hear no more. She says you have to file a petition.

So, I did, I filed whatever was necessary. And I talked with you on the phone that time. And so, after talking with you you told me that we will have this hearing. So we sat the time and date and everything and I came today for this.

And I still, I mean, after I spoke with you I called here and asked them if I am going to need a lawyer or legal counsel or anything. And she says, no, that is a lot of extra money. If you really want to get one you can, but you don't need one.

And I said, well, if I don't need

- one that is a lot of extra money. So I said I
  will just come without one. So, here I am. And
  that is it pretty much.

  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Does that
- 4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: DOES CHAC
- 5 | complete your story?
- 6 MR. BAILEY: Yes.
- 7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. I will
- 8 let the Staff cross-examine.
- 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 10 By Mr. Jones:
- 11 Q. Mr. Bailey, you are from Virginia;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you are owner-operator of your
- 15 | commercial motor vehicle?
- 16 | A. I am, yes, sir.
- Q. And it was you who was stopped on
- 18 June 10th, 2015 here in Ohio in Lake County; is
- 19 that correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. And at the time you weren't carrying
- 22 a load on your truck?
- A. No. I was going to pick up a load.
- Q. So your medical situation is that
- 25 you have diabetes; is that correct?

A. I have diabetes, yes.

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- Q. And that you were also diagnosed with triple pneumonia on the day of the inspection, which was June 10th, 2015; correct?
- A. They diagnosed me with pneumonia and then triple pneumonia. I didn't know until I was in the other hospital in the morning right after my wife and family came in after running some tests and she came in and said you have a severe case of pneumonia. And I said severe meaning? And she says you have triple pneumonia and she says that is really bad. She says that is what you have.

And she says a lot times it causes you to be delirious, but not 100 percent, but it doesn't mean you can't function, do things you need to do. So I asked her to explain it to me.

- Q. So you had three logbooks that were in plain view in the sleeper; is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. Two of those were new logbooks that had no entries and there was a third logbook that the last entry was May 31st showing you were out of service from the 27th to the 31st; is that correct?

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- A. Well, yes.
- Q. And now you are here today to claim that yet there was another logbook that was in your cab; in that what you are saying?
  - A. Yes. In plain view.
- Q. And that was your Respondent's Exhibit No. 1; is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. The logbook you are saying was present that day?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- Q. And so you use a logbook for each one, or each month; right?
- 14 A. That's correct.
  - Q. And when were you discharged then from the hospital?
- A. All right. I was discharged Sunday
  morning -- no. Saturday evening from the
  hospital in Ohio. Because the viewing and
  everything was Sunday morning for my neighbor.
  And I wanted to get there for that. Because
- 22 that was the last chance to ever get to see him.

He was a very good neighbor, and fishing buddy.

- Q. Did you then resume your profession
- 25 then as owner-operator and truck driver?

A. Well, I have not gone back to work as of yet because if I feel in any way that I am not physically fit to drive I do not drive. It doesn't matter who I am hauling for, what I am hauling. If I feel any way sick or not able to drive I will stop and stay put until I am able to drive again.

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And that is like this situation.

Had I known that I was sick, that sick, I would not have been on the road at all.

- Q. Okay. So you haven't driven a commercial motor vehicle since June 10th, 2015?
- A. No more than just taking it down to get it inspected and to have the oil changed, grease job, so forth.
- Q. So, your condition continues, you still don't feel comfortable driving or operating a commercial motor vehicle due to your medical condition; is that correct?
- A. No, nothing to due with my medical condition. It's just I have had no flowers to be delivered for the last say two months. I have gotten better, I am well enough to drive, and I have no problem with driving. It's that I don't have any flowers to go out. I haul

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- And --Ο.
- Α. I had a rubber band around it.
- 16 Three rubber bands; wasn't it? Ο.
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- 18 Okay. And this logbook had entries 0. beginning on June 1st, 2015 all the way through 19 2.0 June 10th, 2015, including June 10th?
  - Including June 10th. Α.
- 22 Including. And if you would look Q. 23 at the June 10th entry, what time did you start 24 that day?
- 25 Α. Well, I started according to this

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                  MR. JONES: Your Honor, just one
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: No more?
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      Anything else, Mr. Bailey, on redirect?
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                  MR. BAILEY: Okay. That is about
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      it. I have nothing else to add.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You are excused,
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     Mr. Bailey. Thank you. Do you have any other
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     witnesses to call?
                  MR. BAILEY: Well, my son was
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     the one who went over to pay the impound.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you want to
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     call him as a witness? Excuse me, Mr. Bailey, I
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                  MR. BAILEY: Well, they came to the
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     wouldn't disappear. So he went out and paid the
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay.
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                  MR. BAILEY: Picked up the logbook
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     in the truck and brought it back.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Well, if he
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wants to testify, if you want to call him.

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## JAMES BAILEY

called as a witness, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I want you to keep your testimony relevant to the case and make it succinct. But go ahead.

MR. JAMES BAILEY: My name is James Bailey. Like he said, we had arrived at the hospital around 6:00 o'clock on the 11th. I checked on him, left my mother and some other brothers and family members with him and myself and younger brother went over to take care of the tow bill and to collect the truck.

But my main concern was based on when I spoke to Trooper Day on the phone before we left home and he told me that my dad did not have a logbook for the month of June. And I am sure — not sure whether I recall, but I said to him on the phone that doesn't sound right at all.

So, we went, myself and one other brother, over to pay the tow bill so they would

release the truck to me. We took care of the money situation that he keeps in the truck, and opened the door of the truck and climbed up there and put my hand right on the doghouse and it was just sitting right there without three rubber bands. It was laying right there in plain sight where he always keeps it.

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So I took it and when I got done with everything I went back to the hospital and handed it to him and said the Trooper said you did not have it, it was right there where you always have it on the doghouse right there. And that is the knowledge I have of the situation.

I went where the truck was towed to, the location, I believe Kinsman, Ohio or wherever they took it. So the tow truck driver locked the truck and when I went there and the first thing, I put my hand in and the logbook was right there. Like I said it was minus three rubber bands and business card that was on it.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Does that conclude your testimony?

MR. JAMES BAILEY: Yes, sir.

25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Does the staff

79 1 have any questions for this witness? 2 CROSS-EXAMINATION 3 By Mr. Jones: 4 Mr. Bailey, where do you reside? 5 Α. I reside in Pamplin, Virginia. 6 Is your residence close by to your 0. 7 father's residence? 8 Yes, it is. Α. 9 And so when you had a conversation 10 with Trooper Day that was before you arrived in 11 Ohio that is where you were at home; right? 12 Α. No. I was at my parents' home. 13 They called my mother and my mother called me up 14 there. So I went up to their house and I spoke 15 to Trooper Day on the phone. 16 So you spoke to Trooper Day then Ο. 17 from your father's and mother's residence? 18 Α. Correct. 19 And Trooper Day informed you at that 2.0 time that there was not an updated logbook 2.1 present in the vehicle? 22 Α. Yes, he did. Then after the conversation with 23 0. 24 Trooper Day then you made the trip to Ohio? 25 Α. Yes.

- Q. And then you proceeded to go to the impound lot to get the truck released; is that correct?
- A. No, sir. I went to the hospital first.
  - Q. Hospital first?

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A. We spent probably two or three hours there. If I may add to it, we stopped in Maryland to get my dad's brother and his wife, who was retired from driving a truck, because we needed a CDL license to bring the truck home. That was the whole reason, you know, reason for going and paying the tow bill and have it released so that after we knew he was okay we could have a driver licensed, qualified driver, to drive the truck home.

So, a few hours after arriving at the hospital and talking to the doctors and knowing he was okay, I left the rest of the family there with him to go with one brother and drive over to the tow yard, impound yard, whatever.

Q. And so you said that then you opened up the cab of the truck and you found the Respondent's Exhibit No. 1 located I think you

said on top of the doghouse?

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- A. Yes. Right where he always keeps
  - Q. What is the doghouse?
  - A. The doghouse, basically it's a box and the engine is located underneath it and it's padded. But it's between the seats and it's called a doghouse.
  - Q. And you are saying that Respondent's Exhibit 1 was located on top of the doghouse?
    - A. Yes, sir.
  - Q. But it did not have three rubber bands around it at that time?
  - A. No, sir. It did not have the three rubber bands and that business card on it.
  - Q. Was there anything else on top of the doghouse?
  - A. Yes, sir. Two unused logbooks were on top. And at that point in time I was rather upset because he is not exactly the cleanest person, but he does keep an organized mess when it comes to his paperwork. It's right where it's supposed to be. But it looked like a tornado had gone through that truck. Everything in the bunk was basically upside down,

everything was torn upside down in that truck.

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But I still was able to -- first thing when I was able to climb up in that truck and looked because I know where he keeps it and I put my hand on that logbook.

- Q. So you are saying that Respondent's Exhibit 1 was on top of the pile?
- A. No. It was right everything else was piled up on top of it where somebody had gone through and just tossed stuff. It was laying on the doghouse in front of his registration book. He has, well, I think a gray book that has his registration, his state authority, authority stuff that he keeps on the back of the doghouse up against the bunk.

The next thing you will find in that logbook is the current month logbook then he has a pad that lays closer to it, like a clipboard, but also a note pad that he writes down when he stopped somewhere, what time he stopped and what time he left, so he can go back and fill out his logbook if he is a few hours behind.

That is the order in which he always keeps things. I am 35 years old, I have grown up over the road with this man and I know

the order which he keeps his items and the order in which I saw them underneath the mess that had been made there. They were still in that order that he kept them for 35 years.

- Q. You didn't happen to see the condition of the cab on the morning that he left; did you?
  - A. No.

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- Q. So you don't know what the condition was when he left the house and traveling, you have no idea what the condition was --
  - A. That day, no, sir.
  - Q. -- was in that cab?
- A. I believe 35 years of experience being on the road with this man --
- 16 Q. I am asking you what you know.
  - A. I am trying to tell you what I know.

    ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I think he
    answered the question. Go ahead.
  - A. I believe that after 35 years of being over-the-road with this man I know how he keeps the inside of his vehicle. I cannot speak for that morning of, no, I cannot, but I can tell you for a fact that he did have two unused, underwritten logbooks laying on top of

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                  MR. JONES: If have no further
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     questions, your Honor.
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Bailey,
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     Senior, do you have any questions for your son?
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                  ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Do you
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     have anything additional to add?
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                  MR. JAMES BAILEY: No, sir.
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23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: You are excused.
24 MR. JAMES BAILEY: Thank you.
25 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Did you have

other witnesses to call?

MR. BAILEY: No, sir. Your Honor,

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Does Staff have anything else?

MR. JONES: No, your Honor. Just to say that as to Respondent's Exhibit 1, I mean, we had testimony from Mr. Bailey, asked questions about that logbook, stipulate that there is a log. I will stipulate that he brought the logbook to the hearing today that contains entries from June 1st through June 10th, and there are no other entries even contained after June 10th for the rest of the month in the logbook.

We will stipulate that that information was brought today by Mr. Bailey, but we will not, of course, stipulate that was in his possession at the time of the inspection which would be a requirement.

But if the purpose of why he brought it today was to identify it for evidence as to Respondent's Exhibit 1, we will stipulate without the necessity of making any copies of what he brought because I think it has been

1 identified for the record and we will stipulate 2 to the contents of that exhibit. 3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Very good. 4 Staff's stipulation is on the record. We will 5 take a recess right now. We have to make copies 6 of that logbook. So I need Mr. Bailey and I need Staff to come with me. 7 8 (RECESS TAKEN) 9 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We will go back 10 on the record. And for the record we made copies of Mr. Bailey's logbook marked 11 12 Respondent's Exhibit 1. And I will admit that 13 into evidence at this time. 14 (EXHIBIT HEREBY ADMITTED INTO 15 EVIDENCE)

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: And anything 17

else to add?

18 MR. JONES: Nothing from Staff, your

19 Honor.

2.0 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: If there is 2.1 nothing more I consider this case submitted on 22 the record. Thank you for coming.

23 MR. JONES: Thank you, your Honor.

(At 12:20 P.M. the hearing was

25 concluded)

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## CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on November 12, 2015, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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