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2 NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

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Reporter's Signature: Michael D. Spencer  
Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

# DRIVER/VEHICLE EXAMINATION REPORT Staff Ex 1



Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Transportation Department  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Phone #: (614)466-0429 Fax #: (614)752-9274

Report Number: OH1777003089  
Inspection Date: 10/29/2021 Certification Date: 11/08/2021  
Time Started: 14:02 Time Ended: 14:27  
Inspection Level: III - Driver-Only Inspection  
HM Inspection Type: No HM Inspection

TUCSON INC  
3497 UNIVERSITY DRIVE N E  
NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH 44663

Driver: GRASS, DAVID D  
License #: [REDACTED] State: OH  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

USDOT #: 00997888 Phone #: (330)339-4935  
MC/MX #: Fax #: (330)339-8183  
State #:

Location: ROADSIDE MilePost: 64  
Highway: IR 77 Origin: CAMBRIDGE, OH Bill of Lading:  
County: TUSCARAWAS Destination: NEW PHILADELPHIA, OH Cargo: EMPTY  
Shipper:

## VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION:

Unit	Type	Make	Year	State	License#	Equipment ID	Unit VIN	GVWR	CVSA #	CVSA Issued #	OOS Stkr.#
1	TR	PTRB	2003	OH	PHW7430		1NPFUXEXX3D806923	79,000			

**BRAKE ADJUSTMENTS:** No brake measurements recorded.

## VIOLATIONS :

Vio Code	Section	Unit	OOS	State Citation Number	Verify*	Crash	Violation Description
392.16	392.16(a)	D	N		N	N	Failing to use seat belt while operating a CMV

\* N - Non-OOS or Driver OOS Violation

**HazMat:** No HM Transported. **Placard:** NA **Cargo Tank:**

**Special Checks:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/Controlled Substance Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Post Crash Inspection
<input type="checkbox"/> Conducted by Local Jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/> PASA Conducted Inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> PBBT Inspection
<input type="checkbox"/> Size and Weight Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Interdiction Search	Arrests:
<input type="checkbox"/> EScreening		

**Inspection Notes:** I was stationary in crossover, he was nb on IR-77, no belt as he went by me. He opened the passenger door for me. He was upset from the begining for being harrassed and stating it was friday and he had things to do. He stated he had his belt on and I asked him to show me how. He put it on and the shoulder strap when below his elbow. He stated he wears it like that because its comfortable and he is allowed because he has the comfort strap. Bright yellow/green construction shirt, black belt, cloudy, light rain. I gave him the inspection and he stated he was going to take it to court, he started to record me with his phone and he was a lot nicer then.

## Special Study Fields:

Special Study1:	Special Study6:
Special Study2:	Special Study7:
Special Study3:	Special Study8:
Special Study4:	Special Study9:
Special Study5:	Special Study10:

## Locally Defined Fields:

For-Hire Carrier: Y;Fatalities (Y/N): N;Driver Address: 1308 STATE ROUTE 39 NE;Driver City: NEW PHILA;Driver State: OH;Driver Zip: 44663;Photos Taken (Y/N): Y;Reason Code: OBVI;FMCSA Credentials Verified-Y/N: Y;CDL Verified (Y/N): Y;FMCSA OOS Order Issued(Y/N): N;ISS Score: 1

Report Prepared By:  
Chad Durben

Badge #:  
1777

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GRASS, DAVID D

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All violations of the FHMR and FMCSR or Title 49 of the Ohio Revised Code will be reviewed by the PUCO's Transportation Department to determine whether civil forfeitures should be assessed against any responsible parties in accordance with the penalty provisions of Title 49 of the Ohio Revised Code. If civil forfeitures are assessed, you will receive a separate notice by mail. These penalties may be assessed to motor carriers, shippers, and/or drivers. Any civil forfeiture assessed may be paid or challenge initiated online at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/transportation/trucking/resources/motor-carrier-safety-online-services>.

ATTENTION MOTOR CARRIER: The motor carrier must examine this report and repair all the vehicle defects/violations noted above -AND- The motor carrier must sign the Certification of Repairs below and return the signed form to: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, T ASD - 4th floor, 180 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215-3793 -OR- Fax (614) 752-9274 within 15 days of the inspection. You may also certify repairs online by registering for the PUCO Community at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/transportation/trucking/resources/motor-carrier-safety-online-services>.

Failure to return this report with the required certification can result in penalties up to \$1,000 per day for each day the violation continues, up to a total of \$10,000.

If "No Violations Were Discovered" you do not need to return this report.

Signature of Carrier Official: X

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENTION DRIVER: This report must be sent to the motor carrier whose name appears at the top of this inspection report within 24 hours. If the inspection report cannot be delivered within 24 hours the driver must mail or fax the inspection report to the motor carrier.

\*\*\*\*\* POSSIBLE CDL DISQUALIFICATION \*\*\*\*\*

If this roadside inspection identified an alleged violation of one or more of the below noted regulations, your CDL may be disqualified. If the PUCO finds you committed a violation of any of these regulations, the violation will be treated as a conviction for the purposes of federal and state law and notice of such conviction will be forwarded to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The BMV may disqualify you from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum of 60 days. Any BMV sanction is in addition to sanctions imposed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

177.804(b)(1), 177.804(b)(2), 177.804(b)(3), 177.804(c), 4901:2-5-07D, 383.23(a)(2), 383.51(a), 383.51A-NSIN, 383.51A-NSOUT, 383.51A-SIN, 383.51A-SOUT, 383.91(a), 383.93(b)(1), 383.93(b)(2), 383.93(b)(3), 383.93(b)(4), 383.93(b)(5), 391.15(a), 391.15A-NSIN, 391.15A-NSOUT, 391.15A-SIN, 391.15A-SOUT, 392.10(a)(1), 392.10(a)(2), 392.10(a)(3), 392.10(a)(4), 392.11, 392.12, 392.4(a), 392.5(a)(2), 392.5A2-UI, 392.5(c)(2), 392.80(a), 392.82(a)(1), 395.13(d), 396.9(c)(2).

MOTOR CARRIER CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETED REPAIRS: The undersigned certifies that all violations noted on this report have been corrected and action taken to assure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety & Hazardous Materials Regulations insofar as they are applicable to motor carriers and drivers. A false certification of repairs is required to be prosecuted with penalties up to \$10,000.

Signature of Repairer: X

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Prepared By:

Chad Durben

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January 13, 2022

DAVID D GRASS  
1308 STATE ROUTE 39 NE  
NEW PHILA, OH 44663

RE: NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION  
Case No. OH1777003089D

Dear Sir or Madam:

On 10/29/2021, a vehicle operated by TUCSON INC, and driven by, GRASS, DAVID D was inspected within the state of Ohio. As a result of discovery of the following violation(s) of the Commission's rules, Staff of the Commission timely notified DAVID D GRASS pursuant to rule 4901:2-7-07, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), that it intended to assess a civil forfeiture against DAVID D GRASS in the following amount:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FORFEITURE</u>
392.16	Group 4	Failing to use seat belt while operating a CMV	\$ 100.00
<u>Original Amount Due:</u>			\$100.00

A conference was conducted pursuant to Rule 4901:2-10, OAC, at which DAVID D GRASS had a full opportunity to present reasons why the violation(s) did not occur as alleged, mitigating circumstances regarding the amount of any forfeiture, and any other information relevant to the action proposed to be taken by the Staff.

As a result of the conference, staff has made a preliminary determination that the commission should assess a civil forfeiture against DAVID D GRASS in the following amount:

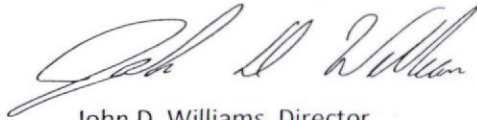
<u>CODE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>FORFEITURE</u>
392.16	Group 4	Failing to use seat belt while operating a CMV	\$ 100.00
<u>New Amount Due:</u>			\$100.00

Within 30 days of this notice you must either; 1) pay the assessed civil forfeiture or, 2) submit a written Request for an Administrative Hearing.

Failure to comply with either option above shall constitute a waiver of your right to further contest the violation(s) and will conclusively establish the occurrence of the violation(s). Such failure shall also constitute a waiver of your right to further contest liability to the State of Ohio for the civil forfeiture described in the notice and will result in the forfeiture amount being referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for collection. In addition, your Ohio operating authority and/or commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

Please consult the enclosed instruction sheet for additional information regarding this "Notice of Preliminary Determination."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent part.

John D. Williams, Director  
Transportation Department

cc: Cheryl Streets



# INSTRUCTION SHEET

## NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

Please read these instruction sheets carefully. They contain information about your rights and responsibilities in regard to this "Notice of Preliminary Determination."

You have received a "Notice of Preliminary Determination" as described in 4901:2-7-12, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Within 30 days of this notice you must either; 1) pay the assessed civil forfeiture or, 2) submit a written Request for an Administrative Hearing. If you do not pay the forfeiture or request a hearing within 30 days of this notice, your case will be placed in our default process. Additionally, your Ohio operating authority and/or your commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

### How to pay the forfeiture

**Online** <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/sc/mcos/>  
Enter the case number and PIN located on the enclosed invoice.

**Mail** Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attn: Fiscal Section  
180 E. Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Send check/money order (no foreign checks/money orders) made payable to "Public Utilities Commission of Ohio". To ensure proper credit, write the case number on the face of the check or money order.

\* Payments cannot be completed by telephone

### How to make a Request for an Administrative Hearing

If you wish to further contest the violations described in this notice, you should file a "Request for an Administrative Hearing" with the Commission's Docketing Division as described in Rule 4901:2-7-13, OAC.

Your "Request for an Administrative Hearing" must be in writing and must contain the case number found at the top of the "Notice of Preliminary Determination." Also, please include the contact name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom further communications should be directed. The request shall be signed by the Respondent or the Respondent's authorized representative. A copy of the "Notice of Preliminary Determination" must be attached to your request.

Your "Request for an Administrative Hearing" must be mailed or hand-delivered within 30 days of this notice to the following address:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
ATTN: Docketing Division  
180 E. Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

### Failure to submit a Request for Administrative Hearing

If you do not serve a timely "Request for an Administrative Hearing" in the manner described above, you will forfeit your right to further contest the violations described in this notice and the occurrence of the violations will be conclusively established. Such failure shall also constitute a waiver of your right to further contest liability to the state of Ohio for the civil forfeiture described in this notice and will result in the forfeiture amount being referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Office for collection. Also, your Ohio operating authority and/or your commercial driving privileges may be sanctioned as permitted by law.

### Codes, Violation Groups, and Forfeiture Amounts

"Code" in this notice identifies the rule violated. Numbers in a 100 or 300 series refer to specific sections of the Hazardous Materials Regulations or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations located in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Some section numbers may have suffixes beyond those appearing in the CFR. These are used for internal data collections purposes. Codes in other formats refer to violations of Ohio's statutes or regulations.

"Violations Group" identifies the assigned numerical group (1-4) for the violation for purposes of calculating the civil forfeiture. Section 4923.99, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) authorizes the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to assess civil forfeiture up to \$25,000 for each day of each violation. The amount of any forfeiture is dependent upon the nature, gravity, circumstances, and extent of the violation, the offender's degree of culpability for the violation, and the offender's violation history. "Total Amount Due" is the total amount of the civil forfeiture assessed for all violations described in this notice.



## ATTENTION DRIVER

### Potential Disqualification

If the roadside inspection leading to this letter identified an alleged violation of one or more of the below noted regulations, your CDL may be disqualified. If the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) finds you committed a violation of any of these regulations, the violation will be treated as a conviction<sup>1</sup> for the purposes of federal and state law and notice of such conviction will be forwarded to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The BMV may disqualify you from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum of 60 days. Any BMV sanction is in addition to sanctions imposed by the PUCO.

177.804B1	177.804(b)(1)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.12 Complying With Safe Clearance Requirements For Highway-Rail Grade Crossings.
177.804B2	177.804(b)(2)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.80 Texting While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placarding.
177.804B3	177.804(b)(3)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.82 Using a Cell Phone While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placarding.
177.804C	177.804(c)	Failure to comply with 49 CFR Section 392.82 Using a Handheld Mobile Phone While Operating a CMV When Transporting Select Agents or Toxins or HM Requiring Placard.
2-5-07D	392.2	Operating a CMV after Driver or Vehicle declared out of service.
383.23A2	383.23(a)(2)	Operating a CMV without a CDL.
383.51A	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified from holding a CDL.
383.51A-NSIN	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a non-safety-related reason and in the state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-NSOUT	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a non-safety-related reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-SIN	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for a safety-related or unknown reason and in state of driver's license issuance.
383.51A-SOUT	383.51(a)	Driving a CMV while CDL is suspended for safety-related or unknown reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
383.91A	383.91(a)	Operating a CMV with improper CDL group.
383.93B1	383.93(b)(1)	No double or triple trailer endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B2	383.93(b)(2)	No passenger vehicle endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B3	383.93(b)(3)	No tank vehicle endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B4	383.93(b)(4)	No hazardous materials endorsement on CDL when required.
383.93B5	383.93(b)(5)	Operating a School Bus without a school bus endorsement as described in 383.93(b)(5).
391.15A	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified.
391.15A-NSIN	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for non-safety-related reason and in the state of driver's license issuance.
391.15A-NSOUT	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for a non-safety-related reason and outside the state of driver's license issuance.
391.15A-SIN	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for safety-related or unknown reason and in the state of drivers license issuance.
391.15A-SOUT	391.15(a)	Driving a CMV while disqualified. Suspended for a safety-related or unknown reason and outside the driver's license state of issuance.
392.10A1	392.10(a)(1)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - Bus transporting passengers.
392.10A2	392.10(a)(2)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - CMV transporting Division 2.3 Chlorine.
392.10A3	392.10(a)(3)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - CMV requiring display of HM placards.
392.10A4	392.10(a)(4)	Failure to stop at railroad crossing - HM Cargo Tank vehicle.
392.11	392.11	Commercial Vehicle failing to slow down approaching a railroad crossing.
392.12	392.12	No Driver of a Commercial Motor Vehicle Shall Drive Onto a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Without Having Sufficient Space to Drive Completely Through the Crossing Without Stopping.
392.4A	392.4(a)	Driver on duty and under the influence of, or using a narcotic drug / amphetamine, which renders the driver incapable of safe operation.
392.5A2-UI	392.5(a)(2)	Operating a CMV while under the influence of an intoxicating beverage regardless of its alcohol content.
392.5C2	392.5(c)(2)	Violating OOS order pursuant to 392.5(a)/(b) - Alcohol prohibitions.
392.80A	392.80(a)	Driving a commercial motor vehicle while Texting.
392.82A1	392.82(a)(1)	Using a hand-held mobile telephone while operating a CMV.
395.13D	395.13(d)	Driving after being declared out-of-service for HOS violation(s).
396.9C2	396.9(c)(2)	Operating an out-of-service vehicle.

<sup>1</sup> Federal regulations define "conviction" as, "... a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law ... by an authorized administrative tribunal, ... the payment of a fine or court cost, ... regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated." 49 CFR 383



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Invoice #: 22-00079393  
Date: 01/12/2022  
Due Date: 02/11/2022  
PIN #: 4DpmtDAV  
Case #: OH1777003089D

2022

Item #	Type	Description	Amount Due
INVD-0200507	Civil Forfeiture Non HazMat	Failing to use seat belt while operating a CMV	\$ 100.00
Payments Received			\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due			\$ 100.00

Please visit <https://www.puco.ohio.gov/sc/mcos/> to make your online payments.

Questions concerning this invoice should be addressed to our call center at 1-800-686-7826.

(Remittance for mailed check payment)

Please make checks payable to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
PO BOX 715343  
Cincinnati, OH 45271-5343

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