BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Damarquis D. Owens,)	
Notice of Apparent Violation and)	Case No. 23-498-TR-CVF
Intent to Assess Forfeiture.)	(OH3274024883D)
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STAFF'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

I. INTRODUCTION

The Transportation Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) deny Damarquis D. Owens' (Respondent's) request for dismissal of this case because it is an improper attempt to argue a matter that is already closed. On July 12, 2023, the Commission granted Staff's motion to dismiss the Respondent's request for administrative hearing in its Finding and Order (Order). The Commission correctly found that the Respondent's payment of the civil forfeiture terminated further proceedings in this matter.

Pursuant to 4901-1-35, the Respondent may file an application for rehearing, within 30 days of a Commission order, in the form and manner and under the circumstances set forth in R.C. 4903.10. Nearly six months after the Commission's Order granting Staff's motion to dismiss, the Respondent filed a Request for Dismissal on January 11, 2024. Staff recommends that the Respondent's Request for Dismissal be denied and that this case remained closed.

II. DISCUSSION

On January 11, 2024, the Respondent filed a Request for Dismissal stating that because his case in the Barberton Municipal Court (Case No. TRD 2207091) was dismissed, he was not invalid at the time of the inspection.

Contrary to Respondent's claims, he was stopped by Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) on October 9, 2022, in a vehicle unrelated to the inspection in this case. The stop itself did not render Respondent's license invalid.¹ On October 25, 2022, the Barberton Municipal Court issued an entry titled "DEFNDANT NOTICE OF NON-APPEARANCE NOTICE OF LICENSE FORFEITURE." The notice goes on to say that the Respondent is "officially notified that thirty (30) days from [the] scheduled court date, [the Respondent's] driver's license will be reported the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) and declared forfeited."

On November 23, 2022, the Respondent was sent a Declaration of Forfeiture.⁴ This letter shows that the Respondent's license was declared forfeited as of November 23, 2022. The inspection at issue in this case was conducted on December 15, 2022. The forfeiture for failure to appear was not lifted until after the Respondent was inspected on December 15, 2022.

Respondent's claim that this case should be dismissed because it was dismissed in the Barberton Municipal Court is not a valid argument. The Respondent's license was not

¹ Exhibit A.

² Exhibit B.

 $^{^{3}}$ Id.

⁴ Exhibit C.

declared forfeited because of the initial citation by OSHP for having expired tags.

Instead, the Respondent's license was forfeited for his failure to appear for his court date in the Barberton Municipal Court on October 24, 2022.

Despite the original violation in the Barberton Municipal Court being dismissed, the issue is not with the misdemeanor itself, but Respondent's failure to appear and subsequent license forfeiture with the BMV. This is not an issue of whether a matter was litigated, though later dismissed, at the municipal level. Rather, this case is about Respondent's license forfeiture that triggered the disqualification on his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) that was at issue at the time of inspection. The Respondent was not valid at the time he was stopped for inspection on December 15, 2022.

Respondent subsequently paid his forfeiture in this case and despite trying to reopen his case, the Commission denied that request. Staff's motion to dismiss was granted and Respondent should not be given another opportunity to have this case heard.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff requests the denial of the Respondent's request to dismiss this case because it is an improper attempt to argue a matter that is already closed. The Respondent was not valid at the time of the stop due to his failure to appear for a court date in the Barberton Municipal Court, as shown by the certified records attached to this response. Respondent has not provided any additional information that would change the outcome of this case.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Respondent's Request for Dismissal and officially close this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave A. Yost Ohio Attorney General

John H. Jones Section Chief

/s/ Rhiannon D. Howard

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On Behalf of the Staff of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the **Response to Respondent's Request for Dismissal** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public

Utilities Commission of Ohio has been served upon the below-named party via United

States mail, this 22nd day of March, 2024.

/s/ Rhiannon D. Howard

Rhiannon D. Howard Assistant Attorney General

Party of Record:

Damarquis D. Owens 257 W. Long Street Akron, OH 44301

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BARBERTON MUNICIPAL COURT 576 West Park Avenue, 205 Barberton, Ohio 44203 (330) 753-2261 www.cityofbarberton.com/clerkofcourts

DAMARQUIS D OWENS 1378 ORLANDO AVE AKRON, OH 44320

DEFENDANT NOTICE OF NON-APPEARANCE NOTICE OF LICENSE FORFEITURE

Issue Date: 10/25/22

You are being officially notified that thirty (30) days from your scheduled court date, your driver's license will be reported and/or sent to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and declared forfeited.

This action will be taken due to your failure to appear on the following case:

TRD2207091

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EXPIRED REGISTR

If you wish to stop this action, you must report to the Clerk of Courts office or make your payment (if your citation is a waivable offense) within 30 days of your scheduled court date. Payments can be made in person, by mailing a check or money order to the court, by calling 330-622-4803, or online at our website: www.cityofbarberton.com/clerkofcourts

Reporting times are: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Your failure to respond to this notice will result in your driver's license being forfeited for one year and a warrant being issued for your arrest.

In accordance with ORC 2935.27(d), 2937.221, 4507.168

BARBERTON MUNICIPAL COURT 576 West Park Avenue, 205 Barberton, Ohio 44203 (330) 753-2261

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Ohio Department of Highway Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicles Attention: In State Violations P.O. Box 16520 Columbus, Ohio 43266-0020

DECLARATION OF FORFEITURE

DAMAROUIS D OWENS 1378 ORLANDO AVE AKRON OH 44320

Social Security Number: Date of Birth: License Number:

Court Code: 7721 Forfeiture Date: 11/23/2022

Case Number:

TRD 2207091

Charge:

4503.11 EXPIRED REGISTR

The Court hereby declares the forfeiture of the driver's license or commercial driver's license of this defendant because the defendant failed to appear or failed to satisfy the Court's judgment under the following provision:

-) ORC 2937.221 License Given as Bond
- (X) ORC 2935.27 Citation for a Minor Misdemeanor
-) ORC 4510.22 Charge of Violation as a First, Second, Third or Fourth Degree Misdemeanor
-) License Attached

Signature of Authorized Official

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BARBERTON OHIO

RELEASE OF FORFEITURE

Bureau of Motor Vehicles Attn: In-State Violation P.O. Box 16520 Columbus, OH 43266-0020

Court Number: 7721

Court Case Number: TRD 2207091

Name : DAMARQUIS D OWENS

Address: 1378 ORLANDO AVE

City, State, Zip : AKRON, OH 44320

Driver License ..:

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BMV Case Number .:

The Court finds that the license forfeiture previously declared should be terminated and hereby orders the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to reissue the license to its original date of expiration or to permit the Defendant to apply for a new license.

Date of Release .: 12/15/2022

Barberton Municipal Court

Signature of Authorized Official

* NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO DRIVE. YOU HAVE NO DRIVING PRIVILEGES UNTIL YOU ARE NOTIFIED BY THE BUREAU OF MOTOR

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IN THE BARBERTON MUNICIPAL COURT SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

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