BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: March 12, 2020

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager

Subject: RECOMMENDED REVOCATION OF THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE AUTHORITIES HELD BY ERNA HAMBARDZUMYAN DBA VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AND FOR VIOLATIONS OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 71.02(A) AND 71.16.1

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

a. **Find** that repeated illegal transportation operations by Victorville Medical Transportation (Victorville) of operating unpermitted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles in the City of Los Angeles without valid vehicle permits, as required by Section 71.02(b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) is grounds for revocation of three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit pursuant to the provisions contained in LAMC Section 71.08.

b. **Find** that on at least two occasions Victorville violated Section 71.16.1 of the LAMC by using vehicles and decals assigned to other companies without informing the Department that it had acquired the vehicles and did not appropriately surrender the decals.

c. **Revoke** Victorville for multiple violations of LAMC Sections 71.02(b), 71.08, and 71.16.1.

d. **Direct** the Department that it may not accept any permit applications from Victorville or its principals operating under any other company name for a period of two years.

**Initiated By**

The Department initiated this report in view of the repeated illegal transportation operations and the company’s failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Transportation.

**DISCUSSION**

On April 14, 2011, the Board of Transportation Commissioners granted Victorville Medical Transportation, 16044 Bear Valley Road #8, Victorville, CA 92395, authorization to operate three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles. The application submitted lists the owner as Hambardzumyan (Erna) and Yuri Hambardzumania (Yuri), as the Operations Manager; however, all
other documentation shows his last name as Hambardzumyan. All required drivers and vehicles were successfully placed into service within the 120-day deadline. The company has three vehicles in service. Those vehicles are:

| VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION 15 | U-5307 | 07/07/11 | ERIC CAVARLEZ | 83398A1 | 1FTNE1EW0BDA56204 |
| VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION 16 | U-5305 | 07/07/11 | ERIC CAVARLEZ | 16748B1 | 1FTNE1EW6BDA60743 |
| VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION 17 | U-5306 | 07/07/11 | ERIC CAVARLEZ | 16745B1 | 1FTNE1EW9BDA67136 |

No other vehicles have ever been placed into service for Victorville since 2011.

Company History

In February of 2017, the Department began having difficulties contacting the company. Phone calls were not answered and emails were not returned. Mail sent to the only known address for the company was returned unopened to the Department, bearing United States Postal (USPS) labels that indicated the company was no longer at the known address.

On March 9, 2018, a note filed in Victorville’s Communications File showed an attempt to leave a voice mail message for the company’s Director of Operations, Yuri resulted in the caller being transferred twice before a message could be left. On June 27, 2018, the Department received a letter from the company stating “For your record, I would like to bring it to your attention that Victorville Medical Transportation moved to now [sic] as of 2016.” (Attachment 1). A second letter regarding their new address was received on September 7, 2018. (Attachment 2) Staff amended the change of address in the computer system.

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Notices of Department Action

August 16, 2017: “Notice to Cease All Transportation Operations” (LE18-182.pab) for failure to pay required vehicle renewal fees listed on invoice NON-AMB170105409A was sent to the company’s operation location by Certified Mail. Due to the fact that the notice was sent via Certified Mail, it had to be sent to the company’s “physical address.” This invoice was finally paid on September 6, 2018. (Attachment 3)

September 18, 2017: Investigator Cavarlez spoke to Yuri regarding the company’s annual vehicle inspections. Yuri informed Cavarlez that he was considering relinquishing all authorities for Victorville, but had to consult with his mother Erna, the owner of record for the company. Cavarlez informed Yuri that he either had to pay all outstanding vehicle renewal fees, remove all vehicles from service or
relinquish all authorities and surrender the decals. Yuri stated that he would contact the Department when a decision was reached between him and his mother.

January 9, 2018: Yuri was again contacted about the pending vehicle inspections. Yuri advised Investigator Cavarlez that he would be merging Victorville with a new company he is starting, which will be known as 1(800)MEDIvan. The merger would also involve South Coast Medical Transportation (South Coast). Yuri advised Cavarlez that he would be contacting Ms. Irene Sae Koo in regards to submitting a new application. That contact never occurred.

**Documented Un-permitted Violations**

**First Incident – August 19, 2019 (Attachment 4)**

While on regular patrol, Investigators Salazar and Richard observed a non-ambulatory passenger vehicle, California License DP054UZ bearing Victorville’s company logo and the unit # 108 parked at 14600 W. Sherman Way. The investigators observed that a male approached the vehicle and entered the right front passenger seat. The investigators approached the van and after identifying themselves, asked to see the driver’s LADOT driver permit and California Driver’s License. The driver was unable to produce an LADOT driver’s permit. The investigators were also able to observe LADOT vehicle decal #6204 on the upper left rear loading door window. The investigators discovered that decal #6204 was actually assigned to another permitted company, Care America’s (Care) unit #3. Department records show that Victorville does not have a permitted vehicle designated as Unit #108.

While inspecting the vehicle, the investigators also discovered that the Check Engine light and the Tire Pressure indicator were both activated. The vehicle was placed out-of-service. The decal was recovered by the investigators and Hearing Notice #65594 was issued to the driver for the following violations:

- LAMC Section 71.02(a) – unpermitted vehicle
- LAMC Section 71.03(b) – unpermitted driver
- Board Order 257(1) – Vehicle not maintained in a safe operating condition

The Hearing Notice was later amended to be issued to the company instead of the driver, who, while unable to produce a valid permit, did in fact possess an LADOT driver permit valid for Victorville. A Notice to Cease Illegal Transportation Operations (LE19-189.pab) was issued on August 21, 2019. (Attachment 5) The Hearing Notice was sent to the company via email. The hearing was scheduled for September 5, 2019. At the request of the company, the hearing was rescheduled for September 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

On September 16, 2019, Yuri contacted the Department via email stating that he had lost the citation and was requesting a second hearing date. He was advised that since the hearing had already been postponed, he needed to appear as required on September 17, 2019, at 2:30 p.m. Yuri and another employee for the company did appear in the Department’s office on September 17, 2019, but not for the hearing. Yuri stated that he never received the Hearing Notice and that the email address of record was not viable. Senior Administrative Clerk Coleman sent a test to the email address in question (yuhi@smo.us) and it was received on the company’s end successfully. Yuri stated that he would return later the same date, but never showed up.

On September 27, 2019, the company was placed on Temporary Suspension due to the August 19, 2019
incident and the company’s failure to submit monies owed to the Department as well as their failure to appear as directed for the hearing.

At 12:52 p.m. on October 1, 2019, Yuri requested another 10-day extension to come to the office. He was denied this request.

Second Incident – January 15, 2020 (Attachment 7)

While conducting surveillance at the Crescent Heights Dialysis located at 8151 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048, Investigators Calderon and Richard observed a non-ambulatory passenger vehicle parked on the side of the dialysis center on Kilkea Drive. The vehicle, California License 43464B1, bore the Victorville company logo and insignia identifying it as unit #102. The investigators approached the vehicle and after identifying themselves, asked the driver for his California Driver License and LADOT issued driver permit. The driver provided the investigators with LADOT permit #527734, which was current and valid for Victorville.

In addition to their examination of the permits, the investigators conducted a standard field inspection of the vehicle. The investigators found the vehicle to be operating with several deficiencies, including a non-functioning emergency brake and a right rear tail light that was out. On the left rear loading door, the investigators observed LADOT vehicle decal #US229. A check of the Department’s records found that the decal was assigned to unit #114 assigned to permitted company, Silver Age None Emergency (Silver Age). The decal was removed from the vehicle and the vehicle was placed out-of-service. Hearing Notice #65963 was issued to the company and a hearing was scheduled for January 30, 2020. Department records show that Victorville does not have a permitted vehicle designated as unit #102.

Records indicate that this vehicle, California License 43464B1 was placed out-of-service on January 5, 2020, but the decal was not recovered until January 15, 2020 when it was discovered on the vehicle being operated by Victorville.

January 30, 2020 – Administrative Hearing

Yuri and his Operations Manager William Beale (Beale) appeared in the office to pay their vehicle renewal fees for Invoice NON-AMB19016122 which was due by March 31, 2019. The Administrative Hearing was then conducted. Attending this hearing was Yuri, Beale, and Senior Investigator Patricia Barker (Barker). During the hearing, Yuri stated that he has had no communications with the Department³ and had no idea what the decal issue was all about. Barker reminded him of their conversation on September 17, 2019, where he was advised that the use of another company’s decal meant his company committed a violation. He admitted to purchasing several vehicles from companies that were downsizing or closing.

Victorville stated that there were no decals on any of the vehicles when they purchased them. Yuri’s contention is that since he had purchased the vehicles and they are registered to him, there should be no issues with the decals attached to these vehicles. Yuri was shown the decals recovered from the two vehicles that were clearly being used to pick up passengers.

³The mailing address of record according to Victorville is a P.O. Box. Such addresses are unable to accept Certified Mail, which is the method used by the Department to ensure the businesses receive the mailings.
At first, Yuri denied that any decals had been attached to those vehicles, but when Beale pointed out the fact that since the Department was in possession of the decals, they had to have been on the vehicles in the first place. Yuri conceded that one of the vehicles “may have had a small spot that might have been a decal on the back window.”

After hearing his testimony, Yuri was advised that it was the decision of staff to not assign a monetary penalty, but instead refer the company to the Board of Transportation Commissioners (BOTC) with a recommendation to revoke. He was advised that the reasons for this decision were:

1. A second violation involving the fraudulent use of an LADOT vehicle decal.
2. A second violation involving use of the assets of another company for the benefit of Victorville without obtaining authority to do so from the Board of Transportation Commissioners.
3. Continuing and on-going communications problem.
4. The continued failure on the part of Victorville to submit payments for vehicle permits as required by Section 71.05(d) of the LAMC.
5. Victorville’s continued use of vehicles found to be unsafe for operation.

Beale asked if there was anything the company could do to prepare for the hearing. He was advised that it would be beneficial if the company could present a viable business plan that would ensure the company would operate legally as well as come into and remain in compliance.

**Further Information**

Further investigation found that Department records indicate that Care America was sold as of May 30, 2013, to Armenak Hambardzumyan (Armenak).\(^3\) The BOTC granted the new owner authorization to operate seven unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles on March 13, 2014. On May 11, 2016, Yuri notified the Department that he had ceased all transportation operations for Care America because they were going to transfer the vehicle authorities to South Coast Medical Transportation, a permitted company acquired by Erna Hambardzumyan. Yuri was notified that the new owner must submit an application due to the ownership change. No application for new ownership was ever received by the Department. The Department was notified telephonically that the company had ceased all operations. However, no date of closure was listed. By October 3, 2019, all Care vehicles were removed from service; however, the decal for unit #03 was never recovered until it was discovered in use by Victorville on August 19, 2019.

**Subsequent Actions**

Beginning on February 11, 2020, Beale voluntarily began sending the Department the following LADOT vehicle decals from non-ambulatory passenger vehicles that were originally assigned to other permitted companies, but were subsequently acquired by Victorville. Each decal was attached to a piece of paper with the unit # of the Victorville unit it was removed from as well as the Vehicle Identification # (VIN).

(Attachment 8)

\(^3\)Armenak is Yuri’s father and Erna is his mother.
Proposed Disciplinary Action

It is the recommendation of staff that due to the non-compliant history of the company, the repeated use of LADOT issued decals not assigned to Victorville and their failure to effect remedies, even when given ample opportunity to do so, that the Board revoke the three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle authorities granted to Victorville and direct the Department that it may not accept any permit applications from Victorville, Yuri Hambardzumyan, Erna Hambardzumyan, or its principals operating under any other company name for a period of two years.

Applicable Regulations

Vehicle permits are addressed in LAMC Section 71.02(b) which states, in part:

“No person shall drive a non-ambulatory passenger vehicle as defined in Section 71.00 without first having obtained a non-ambulatory passenger vehicle driver permit from the Board.”

Section 71.05 states:

(d) Any money due to the Department of Transportation by any applicant for a vehicle permit, including money owed for outstanding parking tickets or other fines assessed by the Department, must first be paid, or the matter otherwise resolved to the satisfaction of the Department, prior to the issuance of such permit. (Amended by Ord. No. 166,534, Eff. 1/31/91.)

Authorized use of City issued decals is addressed in LAMC Section 71.16.1(a), which states:

(a) “Each vehicle, other than taxicabs, operated pursuant to a permit issued under the provisions of this Article shall be identified as such by decals or other suitable means as adopted by the Board. Such identification shall be displayed as specified by the Board. Identifying decals shall be provided by the Board for such purpose upon payment of the Vehicle Decal fee specified in Section 71.06.1. No person shall identify any vehicle by means of such decal, or any facsimile thereof, unless authorized to do so by the regulations of the Board.”

Grounds for revocation of permits is addressed in LAMC Section 71.08, which states:

The following shall constitute grounds for denial, revocation, suspension or cancellation of any driver, attendant, or vehicle permit for which this article makes provision:

(b) “Violation of any rule or regulation of the Board, any section of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Los Angeles Administrative Code and other ordinances of the City, any rule or regulation of the Department of Airports, and any section of a State Statute or Administrative Code, relating to the operation of a vehicle defined in Sec. 71.00 and for which a permit is required under this code.”

Waiver of hearing is addressed in Section 71.09(d), which states:

“Failure of permittee to respond to a notice to appear for a hearing before the General Manager of the Department or his authorized representative or before the Board is a waiver of the right to a hearing and action may be taken without permittee being present.”
Board Order 580 states, in part:

“Any occurrence/incident may have multiple violations and each violation will be reviewed and assessed independently. Any three occurrences/incidents of violations within a 12-month period may result in the Department’s recommendation to the Board to revoke all existing permits and impose a probationary period, for no less than one year, during which time no new applications will be accepted. Furthermore, depending on the severity of the violations(s), the Board may revoke all existing permits after the first or second violation and impose a probationary period of no less than one year.”

JMM/pab

B20-004 pab
June 25, 2018

Regarding Change of Address:

City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
100 S. Mail Street, RM 01-080
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Patricia Barker

Dear Mrs. Barker,

For your record, I would like to bring it to your attention that Victorville Medical Transportation moved to new location as of 2016.

**Physical location:**
Victorville Medical Transportation
15159 Palmdale Rd.
Victorville, CA 92392

**New Mailing Address:**
Victorville Medical Transportation
P.O. Box 1472
Glendale, CA, 91209

If you have any questions or need any more information please call, 760-951-1900

Thank You,

Yuri Hambardzumyan
Director of Operations
September 6, 2018

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Thank You,

Yuri Hambardzumyan
Director of Operations
August 16, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL

Victorville Medical Transportation
15159 Palmdale Rd
Victorville, California 92395
Attn: Yuri Hambardzumania, Operations Manager

NOTICE TO CEASE ALL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXPIRE THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT AUTHORITIES GRANTED TO VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

This Notice is to inform you that the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation intends to expire and make invalid the three (3) unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permit authorities granted to Victorville Medical Transportation (Victorville) for failure to pay the required Annual Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permit Renewal Fees as required by Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 71.05.

On April 14, 2011, the Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) granted your company authorization to operate three (3) unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicles. Per Section 71.11 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), vehicle permits are issued initially for a period not to exceed one year and renewals for one-year periods thereafter. All such permits must be renewed on a yearly basis. Failure to do so will invalidate those authorities not paid for.

As of August 16, 2017, the Department's records indicate that the following Annual Vehicle Permit Renewal Fee invoices remain unpaid:

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Additionally, Victorville still possesses the decals affixed to the three (3) vehicles your company placed into service. Vehicle decals issued by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation remain the property of the City and must be returned upon demand. This letter shall serve as a demand for the immediate return of all vehicle decals issued by the Department or immediate payment of the fees due. Companies that fail to surrender any LADOT issued vehicle decal may be assessed a fine of $250.00 per decal that is not surrendered.
Payment and/or the return of all LADOT issued decals are due immediately. If you have any questions you may contact me at Pat.Barker@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patricia A. Barker, Senior Transportation Investigator
Taxicabs and Franchise Regulations

LE17-182.pab
Attachments

C: LADOT, Irene Sae Koo, Brian Bass, Eden Li, Victorville Medical Transportation 16044 Bear Valley Road, Suite 8, Victorville, California 92395
HEARING NOTICE
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Date: AUG 16 2019 Time: 2:15

NAME: (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) Victorville

RESIDENCE ADDRESS
1649 Bear Valley Rd 7 Victorville

ZIP CODE: 92394

SEX: MALE

HAIR: #01

EYES: #01

HEIGHT: 6'0" WEIGHT: 190 lbs

DOT PERMIT NO. 1490-0

COMPANY Code: VEHICLE NO. All

LICENSE NO. 1490-0 BODY STYLE: New

IMMEDIATE OUT OF SERVICE
(See over for details.)

☑ Driver/Attendant
☐ Vehicle

No hearing required if checked. However, Driver/Attendant documents and/or the vehicle must be examined and cleared by a DOT official BEFORE operating the vehicle. See over for details.

You are hereby notified to APPEAR FOR A HEARING at the following location checked below:

☐ 100 South Main Street 1st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
☐ Other: ____________________________

at 10:00 am on Aug 30 2019
in reference to the following violation(s): 71.05 C LMR

LOC. OF VIOL: 1649 Bear Valley Rd

DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATIONS:
71.05 (c) Failure to post required Annual Vehicle Permit

(?)(?)

Executed on the above date at Los Angeles County.

Signature: Officer: ________________________ Badge No. 109

Without admitting guilt, I promise to appear at the time and place indicated.

SIGNATURE: _________________________________________

FAILURE TO APPEAR IS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING.
YOUR DRIVER/ATTENDANT PERMIT MAY BE CANCELLED.

(Over)
INVESTIGATOR'S FOLLOW UP REPORT

Date and time occurred: 08/19/2018 - 07:50am
Subject: VICTORVILLE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Date and time of report: 08/19/2018 - 1:00pm
Location of occurrence: Approx. 14600 W. Sherman Way L.A. Ca. 91405

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SOURCE OF ACTIVITY:

In August 19, 2019, Transportation Investigators Salazar serial number I-1011, and I, Joe Richard serial number I-1013 were on regular patrol in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles. Salazar and I observed a Victorville Medical Transportation vehicle marked number 108 in route to an unknown location. We decided to follow the Victorville unit to see where it was going.

At approximately 7:50am, the Victorville unit 108 came to a stop and parked at approx. 14600 W Sherman Way on the side of the building. Inv. Salazar and I observed a male Hispanic get into the vehicle and sat in the front passenger side seat. At this point I exited my vehicle and approached the driver side of the Victorville unit. I told the driver (Danny Salazar) that I was Investigator Richard from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. I asked for Salazar's LADOT permit and California Driver's license. Salazar was unable to produce an LADOT permit, or authorized letter from the company stating he had a scheduled appointment date. I also observed that the vehicle's hood engine light was on. Investigator Salazar spoke to investigator Horton over the phone to verify if the decal on the vehicle was valid. Investigator Horton verified that the decal affixed to the vehicle was not valid and belonged to Care America (1528.00) unit #3.

In conclusion, I removed the unauthorized decal from the vehicle, and cited the company Victorville Medical transportation for:
1.02(a) Unpermitted Vehicle
1.03(b) No LADOT Driver Permit
1.257 Check Engine light on

Reporting Officer: Inv. Joe L. Richard II.
Serial No: 1013

Supervisor Approving:
Sr. Inv. Pat Barker
Serial No: I-1001
**Evidence:**

- Photographs of Vehicle Exterior
- Copy of Driver History from TAFIS
- Original Permit removed from vehicle
# Person Report

**Report Date / Time:** 08/19/2019 at 12:54 PM

- **Name:** SALAZAR, DANNY
- **Address:**
  - 13242 MERCER ST
  - PACOIMA, CA 91331
- **Phone:**
  - (818) 993 - 2346
- **CDL, Class and Expiration:**
  - D2063542, C 11/13/20

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No closed Hearing Notices to report

**Gender:** M

**DOB:** 11/13/1980

**Place of Birth:**

**Ethnicity:** Not Reported
HEARING NOTICE
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Date 8/19/19  Time: 7:50

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)
Danny Salazar

RESIDENCE ADDRESS
13242 Mercer St
CITY LA
ZIP CODE 91331
COL NO. D0O65542
DOB 11/13/1980
SEX M F
HAIR BLK EYES BLK
DOT PERMIT NO. COMPANY
VICTORVILLE MEDICAL 108
VEHICLE NO. CA D054UZ
BODY STYLE VAN

[Box checked: ○ IMEDIATE OUT OF SERVICE]
(See over for details.)
[Box checked: ○ Driver/Attendant]
[Box checked: ○ Vehicle]
[Box checked: ○ No hearing required if checked. However, Driver/Attendant documents and/or the vehicle must be examined and cleared by a DOT official BEFORE operating the vehicle. See over for details.]

You are hereby notified to APPEAR FOR A HEARING at the following location checked below:

100 South Main Street 1st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

at 10 am on September 5 2019
in reference to the following violation(s):

LOC. OF VIOL: Apprx 14600 W Sherman Way 91405
DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION(S):

71.04(a) LAMC Unpermitted Driver
60357 check Engine Light On

Executed on the above date at Los Angeles County.
Signature: X J. Richard
Without admitting guilt, I promise to appear at the time and place indicated.
SIGNATURE: J. Richard

FAILURE TO APPEAR IS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING YOUR DRIVER/ATTENDANT PERMIT MAY BE CANCELLED. (Over)

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HEARING NOTICE CORRECTION
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Date 8/19/19  Time: am/pm

NAME Victorville Medical 1440,0
RESIDENCE ADDRESS CITY
 ZIP CODE 91331
COL NO. D0O65542
DOB 11/13/1980
SEX M F
HAIR BLK EYES BLK
DOT PERMIT NO. COMPANY
VICTORVILLE MEDICAL 108
VEHICLE NO. CA D054UZ
BODY STYLE VAN

[Box checked: ○ IMEDIATE OUT OF SERVICE]
(See over for details.)
[Box checked: ○ Driver/Attendant]
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You are hereby notified to APPEAR FOR A HEARING at the following location checked below:

100 South Main Street 1st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

at 20 am on
in reference to the following violation(s):

LOC. OF VIOL:
DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION(S):

71.02(a) LAMC Unpermitted Veh
71.03(b) LAMC NO LADOT Driver Permit

Executed on the above date at Los Angeles County.
Signature: Investigator/Officer
Signature: X J. Richard
Without admitting guilt, I promise to appear at the time and place indicated.
SIGNATURE: J. Richard

REQUESTED BY
APPROVED BY
NAME
BADGE NO.
DATE
1013
August 21, 2019

REGULAR MAIL

Victorville Medical Transportation
15159 Palmdale Blvd
Victorville, California 92392
ATTN: Erna or Yun Hambardzumyan

NOTICE TO CEASE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS

On August 19, 2019, at approximately 7:50 a.m. an unpermitted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle, Unit #108, California license plate DPO54UZ, (VIN 1FTNE1EW2BDA01690), bearing decal #6204 and operating under the Victorville Medical Transportation (Victorville) logo was observed attempting to pick up a passenger from 14600 W. Sherman Way. This address is located within the City of Los Angeles operated by your company picked up a passenger at 1500 San Pablo Street, in the City of Los Angeles. Neither the vehicle nor the driver are permitted.

This vehicle is not authorized for use by Victorville. Use of any other company’s assets without authorization by the City of Los Angeles (City) is a violation of Section 71.02(a) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

Vehicles and drivers picking up non-ambulatory passengers at this address are regulated by the City of Los Angeles. The vehicle and driver do not possess the permits required to initiate non-ambulatory pick-up service at this address. YOU AND YOUR COMPANY ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO CEASE AND DESIST from picking up passengers within the City of Los Angeles until you have obtained the proper vehicle permit through the City’s Department of Transportation as required by Sections 71.02 (a) and 71.03 (b) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.

This is due notice to cease and desist from picking up passengers in the City of Los Angeles without the proper permits. Failure to comply is a misdemeanor offense and subject to criminal prosecution of both the driver of the vehicle and the owner(s) of the company. Both the driver and the owners may be subject to being assessed a penalty up to and including revocation of all permits pursuant to the Board of Transportation Commissioners’ Board Order No. 580 and impoundment of the vehicle.

If you have any questions regarding this cease and desist order you may contact me at Pat.Barker@lacounty.org.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA A. BARKER, Senior Transportation Investigator
Bureau of Franchise and Taxicab Regulation
Enforcement and Inspection Division

LE19-189.pab

c: LADOT, Victorville Medical Transportation, P.O. Box 1472, Glendale, CA 91209, Joe Richard II, Andrea Mercier, Gerardo Salazar, Albert Lilly, Irene Sae Koo, Eric Cavarlez, Pedro Candia, Julio Calderon
Test Email
1 message

Tiffany Coleman <tiffany.coiman@lacity.org> Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 10:57 AM
To: yurii@scmt.us, Tiffany Coleman <tiffany.coiman@lacity.org>, Pat Barker <pat.barker@lacity.org>

Checking to see if email is good.

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Tiffany Coleman
Senior Administrative Clerk
Taxicab and Franchise Division
213-972-5012

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Tiffany Coleman <tiffany.coleman@lacity.org>  
To: yurik@scmt.us  

Thu, Sep 5, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: 01/15/2020

TO: Senior Transportation Investigators Pat Barker/ Eric Cavarlez

FROM: Transportation Investigators Joe Richard/Julio Calderon

SUBJECT: Hearing Notice #65963 (Victorville Med-1440)

On Wednesday, 01-15-2020, Investigator Calderon and I were conducting surveillance at Crescent Heights Dialysis, (8151 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048). During this time, we observed a Non-Amb vehicle (Victorville Med, unit #102, license plate #4346481), parked on the side of the building, on Kilkea Drive. My partner and I approached the driver (Behrooz Bemani Tafti, LADOT Permit# 527734) and identified ourselves as LADOT Investigators. We explained that we were conducting random vehicle inspections. We proceeded to conduct an inspection at which time we found the following violations:

1) B/O-257) Vehicle not in compliance.
2) B/O Emergency Brake not working.
3) B/O Front passenger headlight out.
4) Rear passenger taillight out.
5) Missing front license plate.
6) Company logo under 4 inches in height.
7) Check engine light was on.

Due to the amount and severity of violations we determined to place the vehicle out of service and remove the LADOT Decal (#U5229). The driver was advised to leave and warned to cease anymore pickups, until the vehicle was repaired. The owner was notified of the situation, via-phone. We issued a company cite (#65963). The owner (Yuri Hamardzumania) was very upset and came in to LADOT, without having an appointment. We met with him out of courtesy and explained the situation.

Upon further investigation we found out that the Decal we had removed did not belong to the vehicle in question or Victorville Med. The decal was registered to, Silver Age Non Emergency. During our meeting (Yuri) sat there, looked at us square in the eyes, and bold face lied to us. He stated he was not planning to fix the vehicle because it was too old. When in fact he knew all along the Decal did not belong to his vehicle.
DATE: 01/15/2020

TO: Senior Transportation Investigators Pat Barker/ Eric Cavarlez

FROM: Transportation Investigators Joe Richard/Julio Calderon

SUBJECT: Hearing Notice #65964 (Victorville Med-1440)

On Wednesday, 01-15-2020, Investigator Calderon and I were conducting surveillance around the Cedars Sinai Medical Center, (located between 8631 and 8635 West 3rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90048). During this time, we observed a Non Amb vehicle (Victorville Med, unit #106, license plate #45186K1), parked on the side of the building, on 3rd Street. My partner and I approached the driver, (Gevik Eskandary, DL# A7353411) and identified ourselves as LADOT Investigators. We explained that we were conducting random vehicle inspections. We proceeded to conduct an inspection at which time we found the following violations:

1) B/O-257| Vehicle not in compliance.
2) Company logo under 4 inches in height.
3) Check engine light was on.

We issued a company cite (#65964).
Decal Removal Form

Decal Number(s) U - 5229 Were Removed From Vehicle Number 114 Of Silver Age Unit Emergency On 11/15/20

Vehicle Out Of Service? Yes ✓ No
Completed By: Richard
Entered on Computer 11/15/20
Entered by: Richard

Decal Recovered
HEARING NOTICE
City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

Company: Victorville Medical

Date: 1/15/20
Time: 10:00 am

NAME: Victorville Medical

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: Victorville Medical

ZIP CODE: 92395
CDL NO.: 1490
DOB:

SEX: M
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT:

DOT PERMIT NO.: 1490
COMPANY: Victorville Medical
VEHICLE NO.: 106

VEHICLE LIC. NO.: CA 451846K
BODY STYLE: VAN

☐ IMMEDIATE OUT OF SERVICE
(See over for details.)

☐ Driver/Attendant
☐ Vehicle

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X 100 South Main Street
1st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

☐ Other:

at 10 am/pm on 1/30/20

in reference to the following violation(s):

LOC. OF VIOL.: Approx 8631 3rd Street

DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION(S):

B0257 - Check Engine light on
Company Logo not in compliance

Executed on the above date at Los Angeles County.

Signature: Officer

Without admitting guilt, I promise to appear at the time and place indicated.

SIGNATURE:

FAILURE TO APPEAR IS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING; YOUR DRIVER/ATTENDANT PERMIT MAY BE CANCELLED. (Over)
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