## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Determining the Proper Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for Penalties against:

STARVING STUDENTS, INC.

**DOCKET TV- 200309** 

DECLARATION OF BRIAN BRAUN

Brian Braun, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declares as follows:

- 1. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a compliance investigator in the Consumer Protection Section. As a compliance investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate household goods carriers that may be operating without the required Commission permit.
- 2. On January 23, 2020, I visited the Starving Students' website, www.ssmovers.com, and found the company offered to provide household goods moving services in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington. The website stated to "Call (888) 931-6683 to book a move in Seattle WA."
- 3. On January 23, 2020, I searched the Washington State Department of Revenue's website and found a company name of Starving Students, Inc., a contact name/governing individual of Ethan Margalith, and an associated registered trade name of Starving Students of Seattle.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. On January 23, 2020, I searched Commission records and verified that neither Starving Students, Inc., Ethan Margalith, nor Starving Students of Seattle are a permitted household goods carrier.
- 5. My search of Commission records produced Docket TV-160441, which showed that Starving Students, Inc., was a previously permitted household goods carrier (HG041035) and that Starving Students, Inc., was notified on April 23, 2016, that its permit was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for a copy of the website, printed on Jan. 23, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for a copy of Dept. of Rev. record, printed on Jan. 23, 2020.

- canceled due to Insufficient Proof of Insurance. The notification further stated that "You must immediately CEASE all operations associated with this permit."
- 6. On February 6, 2020, I called 888-931-6683 using an assumed name to obtain a quote for moving services to occur on March 12, 2020, between Kent and Seattle, Washington. The person answering the phone identified themselves as Jay and said I had reached Starving Students. Jay offered a rate of \$104.99 an hour for workers, a truck, and equipment.<sup>4</sup>
- 7. I requested a copy of the offer. At the top of the emailed quote, "Washington HG41035" is displayed.<sup>5</sup>

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

BRIAN BRAUN

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for a copy of the cancellation letter, dated on April 26, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Attachment D for a copy of phone log, conducted on Feb. 6, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Attachment E for a copy of the quote, printed on Feb. 6, 2020.

## ATTACHMENT A

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**ABOUT** 

**SERVICES** 

**AREAS WE SERVICE** 

**CONTACT US** 

CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE

## Seattle Movers

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#### CONNECT WITH US







Starving Students **Seattle movers** are dedicated, polite and knowledgeable whether you are looking for long distance movers or seeking a local moving company.

## CUSTOMER REVIEWS

I first used
Starving
Students to do
my move 9
years ago. They
did such a good
job that I have
used them 2

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We can easily accommodate your relocation with care and finesse. If you are in the areas of Seattle, Shoreline, Kirkland, or Bellevue, contact us today online or by phone to learn more about our moving services. WE SERVICE

services just moved
again and my
first call was to

more times. I

Students. The

CONTACTS televing

At Starving Students, we offer our CALL FOR A FREE QUOT movers were on

customers great moving services at affordable rates. We realize there are many movers available to Seattle residents for which to choose from, so we work hard to give you the best possible service.

Professional, friendly and stress-free with

give you the best possible service.

Professional, friendly and stress-free with tons of services.

Starving Students knows how timeconsuming moving can be. Our goal is to make moving simple, affordable and to provide you with careful, pleasant moving services.

Once you've scheduled your move date, you may wish to familiarize yourself with Seattle, Washington attractions such as Pike Place Market, Discovery Park, and the Public Library. Learn about Seattle, Washington and our local government, businesses, and more by visiting the official Web site.

Call **(888) 931-6683** to book a move in Seattle WA.

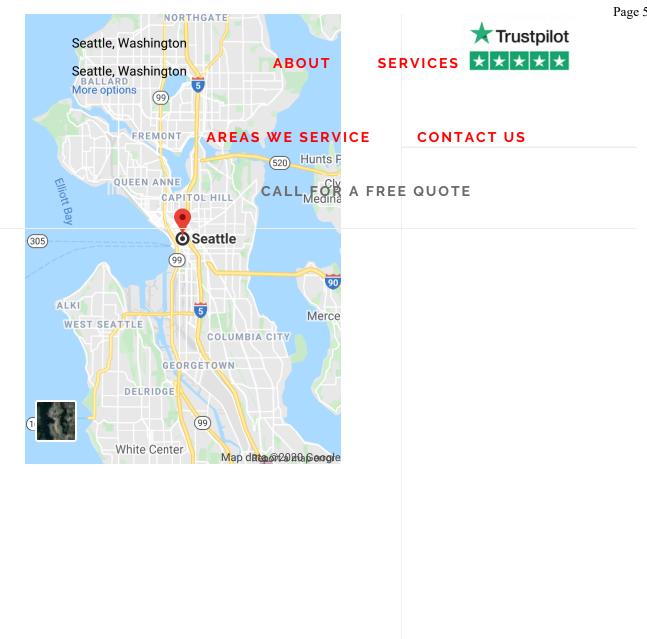
time, pleasant, helpful and got the job done quickly! I recommend Starving Students to anyone who is moving and needs good, reliable, affordable and professional movers. Thanks Starving Students!

Write a Review

**Mandie Evans** 

Read More
Reviews

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#### **Washington State Department of Revenue**

Services Business Lookup STARVING STUDENTS, INC.

License Information:

New search Back to results

Entity name: STARVING STUDENTS, INC.

Business name: STARVING STUDENTS, INC.

Entity type: Profit Corporation

**UBI #**: 601-126-432

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0003

Location: Active

Location address: 620 SPOKANE ST

SEATTLE WA 98134

Mailing address: 1850 SAWTELLE BLVD # 300

LOS ANGELES CA 90025

Excise tax and reseller permit status: Click here

Secretary of State status: Click here

Governing People May include governing people not registered with Secretary of State

Governing people Title

MARGALITH, ETHAN

Registered Trade Names

Registered trade names Status First issued

STARVING STUDENTS OF SEATTLE Active May-07-1990

View Additional Locations

The Business Lookup information is updated nightly. Search date and time: 1/23/2020 2:42:40 PM

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Business name: STARVING STUDENTS, INC.

Entity type: Profit Corporation

**UBI #**: 601-126-432

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0002

Location: Active

Location address: 1111 118TH AVE SE STE 1

BELLEVUE WA 98005

Mailing address: 1850 SAWTELLE BLVD STE 300

LOS ANGELES CA 90025-7028

Excise tax and reseller permit status: Click here

Secretary of State status: Click here

Governing People May include governing people not registered with Secretary of State

Governing people Title

MARGALITH, ETHAN

Registered Trade Names

Registered trade names Status First issued

STARVING STUDENTS OF SEATTLE Active May-07-1990

View Additional Locations

The Business Lookup information is updated nightly. Search date and time: 1/23/2020 2:43:27 PM

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#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160 • TTY (360) 586-8203

April 26, 2016

STARVING STUDENTS, INC. 1850 SAWTELLE BLVD SUITE 300 LOS ANGELES, CA 90025

RE: TV160441 - Cancellation of Permit HG041035 Due To Insufficient Proof of Insurance

Dear STARVING STUDENTS, INC.:

On March 23, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) notified you that your transportation permit would be canceled unless you submitted acceptable proof of insurance by April 22, 2016. Our records show that you failed to submit acceptable proof of insurance by that deadline. As a consequence, the Commission has CANCELED your permit. You must immediately CEASE all operations associated with this permit.

You have the right to a hearing. If you believe the Commission should not have canceled your permit, you may ask the Commission to schedule a hearing before an administrative law judge. At the hearing the only issue the Commission will address is whether you had proof of insurance on file to avoid cancellation. Your request should be addressed to Steven V. King, Secretary, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. You may also email your request to records@utc.wa.gov. The Commission must receive your request within 14 days after the date of this letter.

You may apply to reinstate your permit. Download the reinstatement application at <a href="www.utc.wa.gov">www.utc.wa.gov</a>. To locate the application, go to Quick Links on the front page, select "Transportation Permit Applications" and the appropriate industry application.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Licensing Services at (360) 664-1222. You may also email us at transportation@utc.wa.gov.

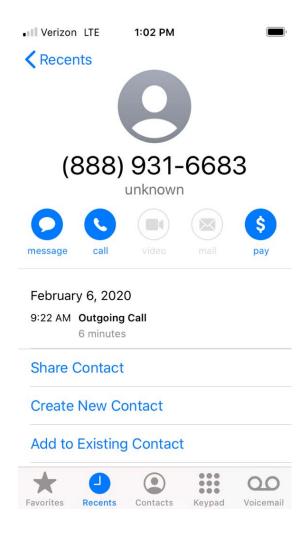
Sincerely,

Suzanne Stillwell

Licensing Services Manager

**NOTICE:** This action is delegated to the Secretary, or the Secretary's delegate, for decision. In addition to serving you this letter, the Commission will post on its website for at least 14 days a list of all matters

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Scott Middleton <middlescooter2113@gmail.com>

#### SSMOVERS QUOTE #5082003

1 message

Jahmar Harvey <jharvey@ssmovers.com>
To: middlescooter2113@gmail.com, Dispatch <dispatch1@ssmovers.com>

Thu, Feb 6, 2020 at 9:58 AM



US DOT 318223 MC 166404 Arizona 33132 California CAL PUC T-116476 Nevada CPCN3241 Texas DOT 6263856C Virginia HG437

Washington HG41035

## **QUOTE ONLY**

This is not a reservation for your move.

This is a rate quote only and is subject to change at any time.

800-441-6683 ext. 2000

# Time slots fill up quickly. CALL NOW to reserve your move.

Hello SCOTT,

Thank you for using Starving Students to assist with your next move. Combined with our 43 years of experience helping families and businesses relocate, our booking and referral services are second to none. We are proud of the high level of

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customer care our approved moving providers will deliver on your upcoming move and we look forward to working with you again soon.

The following is what we currently have available for the date you requested:

Quote/Reservation

#5082003

Number:

Pickup Address/Zip Code: 98032

Best Contact Number: N/A

Move Date: 03/12/2020

Available Arrival Window

AM (8am-12pm) - PM (1pm - 5pm) You will

(s): be called prior to service

Hourly Rate: \$104.99/hour for the Professional Movers,

Truck & Equipment (3 hour minimum)

Drive Time: Portal Back (we charge GPS time back to our

Portal)

Book your move early! Rates may change and availability maybe limited.

#### Our services include:

- Typically, 2 movers are required for each move. (Depending on the size of the move.)
- One or more moving truck(s). (Depending on the size of the move.)
- Moving equipment including furniture pads, blankets, straps and dollies will be provided by our outsourced moving provider.
- Loading, driving and unloading of your household goods & furniture.

#### Services Not Included:

- We do not disconnect or reconnect any gas, water or appliances lines.
- We do not remove items from walls or ceilings.

Payment by credit card is preferred. We accept Visa, Discover, MasterCard and debit cards for your booking deposit.

Please let me know if you would like to secure this date and time slot. If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call or email me. I can be reached at 1-800-441-6683 Ext 2000

Thank You,

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Jay Harvey



1 (800) 441-6683 ext #2000 jharvey@ssmovers.com Mon-Fri 7am-7pm PT Sat-Sun 8am-5pm PT