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**In re Application of Cameron Brewer d/b/a Reliance
Moving**

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 CAMERON BREWER d/b/a)
 RELIANCE MOVING)
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 For a permit to operate)
 as a motor carrier of)
 household goods.)
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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Let's be on the
7 record. So good morning. Today is Tuesday,
8 May 15th, 2018, and the time is 9:30 a.m. This is
9 Docket TV-180213 regarding an application of Cameron
10 Brewer, doing business as Reliance Moving for a permit
11 to operate as a motor carrier of household goods.

12 My name is Laura Chartoff, and I am the
13 administrative law judge presiding over today's brief
14 adjudicative proceeding.

15 Let's start by taking appearances from both
16 parties. Start with Commission Staff.

17 MR. ROBERSON: Good morning. My name is
18 Jeff Roberson, R-o-b-e-r-s-o-n. I'm an assistant
19 attorney general representing Staff. My address is 1400
20 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, PO Box 40128,
21 Olympia, Washington 98504. My phone number is
22 360-664-1188, and my email address is
23 jeff.roberson@utc.wa.gov.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

25 And the company, can you please state your

1 first and last name?

2 MR. BREWER: Yes, my name is Cameron Brewer
3 with Reliance Moving.

4 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And please state your
5 address.

6 MR. BREWER: Address is 4717 Bevan Street,
7 that's B-e-v-a-n, Bellingham, Washington 98226.

8 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And telephone number and
9 email?

10 MR. BREWER: Telephone number is
11 951-227-6705, and email address is
12 reliancemovingoffice@gmail.com.

13 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

14 Okay. So I'll provide a brief roadmap for
15 today's proceeding. We are here today because the
16 Commission issued a notice of intent to deny the
17 company's application for permit and authority as a
18 household goods carrier. Mr. Brewer requested a hearing
19 to have the opportunity to respond to the allegations
20 contained in that notice and explain why the application
21 should be approved.

22 So how we typically do this type of
23 proceeding is we start by having Mr. Roberson give a
24 brief overview of Staff's case, and then you can present
25 your case, Mr. Brewer, following which Mr. Roberson

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1 presents Staff's case. And once all the witnesses have
2 testified, both parties will have a chance to make
3 closing statements.

4 Are there any questions or concerns about
5 that order?

6 MR. ROBERSON: No.

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. So,
8 Mr. Roberson, you may proceed with an opening statement.

9 MR. ROBERSON: Good morning. As you
10 mentioned, this is an application for a household goods
11 operating authority, WAC 480-15-302(8)(a) and WAC
12 480-15-305(2), provided that the Commission will deny
13 any application for operating authority where any named
14 person in the application has a certain type of
15 conviction within five years of the date of the
16 application.

17 In the course of processing Mr. Brewer's
18 application, Staff discovered a petty theft conviction,
19 excuse me, from California roughly a year before the
20 date of application and recommended denying the
21 application on that basis. As I understand it,
22 Mr. Brewer's here to present possibly evidence as to why
23 the Commission should grant him an exemption from that
24 rule, and Staff would just like to hear that evidence
25 before it offers a recommendation on whether or not to

1 grant the exemption.

2 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. And -- okay.
3 So before you start speaking, I would like to swear you
4 in. So please stand and raise your right hand.

5 (Cameron Brewer sworn.)

6 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Please be seated. Okay.
7 So what would you like to tell us today?

8 MR. BREWER: So my wife and I moved up here
9 to Bellingham, Washington, from Corona, California,
10 about two years ago. I got a letter in the mail from
11 Riverside Court about a petty theft charge. So
12 basically, they put a warrant out for my arrest. I have
13 no knowledge of this -- this petty theft.

14 When -- I was trying to get my license at
15 the time so I could start obviously making money and
16 doing moving because that's what I was doing down in
17 California. I -- I had to plead guilty to this charge
18 because I can't go down to California. We moved up here
19 with \$2,000 into a room for rent so -- and my wife was
20 six months pregnant, so it just really wasn't an option
21 to go down to California to contest the case.

22 So I pleaded guilty to it, which was a big
23 mistake now I'm finding out and -- yeah, that's pretty
24 much it. I -- I got the warrant dismissed, and I got my
25 license back. And now when I tried to apply for the

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1 permit, it's kind of coming back to haunt me. So yeah,
2 that's -- that's basically it.

3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Let me make
4 sure I got all that. So you moved here two years ago
5 from Corona, California, you're living in Bellingham?

6 MR. BREWER: Yes.

7 JUDGE CHARTOFF: You got a -- how were you
8 notified of the charge?

9 MR. BREWER: Through the mail.

10 JUDGE CHARTOFF: And when -- what was the
11 date of the theft?

12 MR. BREWER: I really don't know. It was
13 kind of one of those things I had to hire a lawyer to go
14 to court for me to plead guilty to get -- to start
15 paying on the fines so I could get my license back,
16 which was a mistake.

17 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Do you have any questions
18 for Mr. Brewer?

19 MR. ROBERSON: May I have a second to confer
20 with my client?

21 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Sure.

22 We can be off the record.

23 (Pause in the proceedings.)

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: We're on the record.

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1 E X A M I N A T I O N

2 BY MR. ROBERSON:

3 Q. Good morning, Mr. Brewer. So do you remember
4 being arrested for this offense?

5 A. I was not arrested.

6 Q. So you were charged with something you weren't
7 arrested for?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Okay. Do you have any idea what the underlying
10 crime involved with the charge is?

11 A. I think they said I stole a bottle of alcohol.

12 Q. So it was --

13 A. From a grocery store.

14 Q. So this is petty theft?

15 A. Mm-hmm.

16 Q. Did they give you any idea as to the value of
17 the alcohol?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. You hired an attorney to go to court to
20 get the warrant quashed?

21 A. Mm-hmm, that was the main reason for it.

22 Q. Okay. The warrant is quashed?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you've paid off all the fines?

25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. And you are not -- you pled guilty, just for the
2 record?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. You did not serve any time?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Were you placed on probation?

7 A. No, I don't think so.

8 Q. But you're not sure?

9 A. I'm not sure.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. Probation for pleading guilty to this crime?

12 No.

13 Q. Yeah.

14 A. No.

15 Q. No.

16 So the only, I guess, penalty to the extent that
17 there was for your guilty plea was that you paid fines?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Can you give me an idea as to the size of the
20 fine?

21 A. It was 900-and-something dollars.

22 Q. Okay. Are there any other convictions that
23 would be relevant? Any theft convictions, anything like
24 that?

25 A. No, no theft convictions, no.

1 Q. Any other convictions?

2 A. I have --

3 Q. Let me rephrase that.

4 Any for fraud, sexual assault, assault, drugs in
5 terms of manufacturer or sale?

6 A. No way.

7 Q. None of those?

8 A. No way.

9 Q. Okay. How old were those convictions?

10 A. These -- the ones -- the ones that I was going
11 to say right now?

12 Q. Yeah.

13 A. These were from when I was 17. I think my
14 last -- my last one was like 21, and these were DUIs.

15 Q. Okay. How old are you now?

16 A. I'm 26.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. 27, sorry.

19 Q. So it's been more than five years?

20 A. It's been more than five years.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And I'm married with two children and completely
23 changed my life around, so kind of frustrating to have
24 this stuff keep popping up, but that's why I'm here.

25 Q. Understandable.

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1 MR. ROBERSON: I don't think I have any
2 further questions.

3 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Do you have
4 anything further?

5 MR. BREWER: Yeah, I just wanted to say that
6 we're the moving company that you guys want to grant a
7 permit to. We take extreme care of our customers'
8 personal items, we're honest, reliable, hence the name
9 "Reliance Moving." And I just -- this is -- this is my
10 livelihood, this is what I do.

11 I enjoy helping people when they're super
12 stressed out, that's why I started this moving company.
13 And I just think it would be a really good idea to grant
14 us this permit so we can do it the right way. We've
15 already invested so much money into this, and it's --
16 I'm not going to stop. If I have to wait five years for
17 this to pass, then I will. I'll be back. And yeah,
18 that's pretty much it. This is -- this is my life, and
19 this is what I do so...

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thank you.

21 Does Staff want to present its case?

22 MR. ROBERSON: Yeah. Staff calls Mike
23 Dotson.

24 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Please stand and raise your
25 right hand.

1 (Mike Dotson sworn.)

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3 E X A M I N A T I O N

4 BY MR. ROBERSON:

5 Q. Would you please state your name and spell it
6 for the record?

7 A. Mike Dotson, M-i-k-e, D-o-t-s-o-n.

8 Q. And who employs you?

9 A. The Utilities and Transportation Commission.

10 Q. And in what capacity do you work for the
11 Commission?

12 A. Sorry. I work in licensing services.

13 Q. And --

14 A. I process the regulated company applications
15 that are come -- that come in.

16 Q. Can you describe any trainings or education that
17 you've had that enable you to carry out your duties?

18 A. I was trained by the prior employee that held my
19 position, my managers trained me, and lots of just
20 on-the-job training.

21 Q. And you're familiar with the rules and statutes
22 that govern the licensing of household goods movers?

23 A. Yes, I am.

24 Q. Okay. And you're familiar with Mr. Brewer's
25 application?

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1 A. I am.

2 Q. And you've heard Mr. Brewer testify today?

3 A. Yes, I have.

4 Q. And do you have any thoughts as to whether or
5 not the Commission should grant an exemption to
6 Mr. Brewer from the licensing requirements?

7 A. Based on the nature of the conviction, whether
8 it happened, whether he did it or not, it seems minimal
9 enough that I would not want to stop him from getting
10 his permit.

11 Q. And you found no other red flags when you were
12 processing Mr. Brewer's application?

13 A. No, there did not seem to be a history of this
14 sort of crime.

15 MR. ROBERSON: I have no further questions.

16 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Thank you.

17 Do you have any questions for Mr. Dotson?

18 MR. BREWER: I'll have a lot of questions if
19 I get granted the permit on the rules and regulations.

20 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Okay. Does either
21 party have anything further before we go off the record?

22 MR. ROBERSON: No, Your Honor.

23 JUDGE CHARTOFF: Okay. Thanks for coming
24 here today. I will -- I will issue an order within ten
25 days. We are off the record. Thank you.

(Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.)

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