# BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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)	<b>DECLARATION OF</b>
)	<b>MEGAN BANKS</b>
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Megan Banks, 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 and Communications 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. I began an investigation into the activities of Jacob M. Scourey d/b/a Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving in June 2014 after finding an advertisement on www.craigslist.org offering moving services. The advertisement included a telephone number, (509) 432-9367, and an email address, jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. I reviewed Commission records related to Jacob M. Scourey d/b/a Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving to determine whether the company held a household goods permit. According to Commission records, as of August 25, 2014, there is no record of Jacob M. Scourey d/b/a Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving now or ever holding a household goods permit.
- 4. On June 20, 2014, I conducted an Internet search for advertising for Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving. I found additional advertisements on www.craigslist.org containing Mr. Scourey's telephone number and offering

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for an advertisement containing Mr. Scourey's telephone number posted on www.craigslist.org, which I printed on June 9, 2014.

moving services including a "truck, trailer (if necessary) + 2 movers: \$35/hr."<sup>2</sup>

- 5. On June 25, 2014, I called (509) 432-9367 and left a message requesting an estimate for a move from a one-bedroom apartment to a two-bedroom apartment within Pullman. A man who identified himself as "Jake" called me back and told me the move would cost \$35 an hour for two men and a truck. He estimated the move would take about two hours and said that he was available to perform the move on June 30, 2014.
- 6. On July 24, 2014, commission staff sent a compliance letter to Jacob Scourey d/b/a Scourey Bros Lawn Services aka Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving at 1650 SW View Dr. Pullman, WA 99163-5513, (1) outlining the licensing process for household goods movers, directing Jacob Scourey to (2) become licensed within a reasonable time, (3) cease unpermitted operations, and (4) outlining the consequences of operating as an unpermitted household goods mover in Washington state. Mr. Scourey was required to respond or apply for a permit by August 7, 2014.
- 7. On August 14, 2014, I sent an email to Jacob Scourey at jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com and asked for an estimate for a move within Pullman from a one-bedroom apartment to a two-bedroom apartment. "Jake" responded on August 24, 2014, and offered to do the move on August 30, 2014 or August 31, 2014. He said it would cost \$35 an hour for two men and a truck. He emailed the next day, August 25, 2014, and said he was no longer available to perform the move on August 30 or 31, 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- 8. On August 25, 2014, I confirmed that the commission's compliance letter was not returned, and that licensing staff had received no permit application for "Scourey Bros Mowing & Moving" or "Jacob Scourey." An internet search produced one advertisements on www.craigslist.org for the company's household goods moving services posted between August 1, 2014 and August 25, 2014.<sup>4</sup>

DATED this add day of September, 2014, at Olympia, Washington.

<sup>2</sup> See Attachment B for an advertisement containing Mr. Scourey's telephone number posted on www.craigslist.org, which I printed on June 20, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> See Attachment C for Jacob Scourey's email response to a request to move household goods within Pullman sent August 24-25, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> See Attachment D for advertisements containing Mr. Scourey's telephone number posted on www.craigslist.org, which I printed on August 14, 2014, and on August 25, 2014.

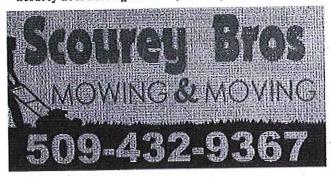
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Scourcy Bros Moving Services (Pullman)



Having lived here my whole life, I know my way around town and can quickly perform in-town moving jobs or simply load a U-haul for an out-of-town move. I have my own truck and trailer capable of moving people from oparments or small houses. I currently attend WSU as a Sophomore and have many friends that have worked for me in past years assisting in these moving jobs. I have several years of experience loading and packing trucks and U-hauls efficiently in order to minimize trips across town and wasted space. I currently offer the following rates:

Truck, trailer (if necessary) + 2 movers: \$15\text{in}
 Truck and myself: \$20\text{ir}
 Only loading help: \$15\text{hr per worker}

- Single object move or moving to/from Moscow; Please inquire

If you seek a different configuration than stated above (e.g. >2 workers), please inquire and I will let you know if I can accommodate your preferences.

Call/text 509-432-9367 for services or send me an email through jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com

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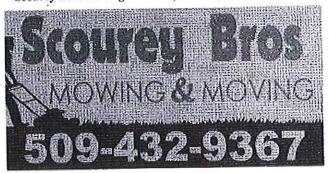
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## Attachment C

#### Move in Pullmna

From: Jake Scourey (jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com)

Sent: Mon 8/25/14 10:16 AM

To: Gyrl fromwa (gyrlfromwa@hotmail.com)

Actually I think I might not get back til Sunday and my dad says he needs the truck anyway so I won't be able to do it. You'll have to find someone else. Sorryl

Jake

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------ Original message ------From: Gyrl fromwa
Date:08/25/2014 9:28 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Jake Scourey
Subject: RE: Move in Pullmna

From: gyrlfromwa@hotmail.com

Sent: Mon 8/25/14 9:27 AM

To: Jake Scourey (jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com)

Awesome! Let me check with my bf and we will get back to u. Prob. need 2 movers :)

TY! Ally

From: Jake Scourey (jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com)

Sent: Sun 8/24/14 1:31 PM
To: gyrlfromwa@hotmail.com

So that would be labor day weekend and I will be out of town until saturday most likely. So I could do Saturday or Sunday I think.

And I have a truck and trailer we would use. The only other thing is do you want two of us or just me? Tables, dressers, ect takes two to move. Two of us is \$35/hour and \$20 for just me.

Jake

Ally

From: gyrlfromwa@hotmail.com Sent: Fri 8/22/14 8:28 AM

To: jake\_the\_snake\_42@hotmail.com

Thx! I like this email name :)

Were hoping to move next week (like Fri). Do u provide a truck or do I need to rent 1? Thy!

## Attachment D

Scourcy Bros Lawn Mowing -Student- 9+ Years Experience

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- Trimming

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