

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Determining the Proper)	DOCKET TV-151654
Carrier Classification of, and Complaint for)	
Penalties against:)	
EDWARD MARTIN d/b/a MARTIN)	DECLARATION OF
MOVERS)	MEGAN BANKS
)	
)	

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 Martin Movers in June 2015, after finding an advertisement on www.craigslist.org offering moving services. The advertisement included a telephone number, (253) 245-4927 and stated to call to get a free moving estimate. The advertisement also included keywords, including "17ft truck" and "24ft truck."¹
3. On June 12, 2015, I sent a text message to (253) 245-4927 to request a moving estimate for a move from Tacoma to Federal Way. I received a text message in response on June 12, 2015, from a man who identified himself as "Edward Martin." Mr. Martin asked me to call to get more information. Later on June 12, 2015, I received a text message from a different telephone number from a man who identified himself as Ernest from Martin Movers. He offered to move me for a flat rate of \$575. He told me the price included the loading, unloading, equipment, truck, and labor. I contacted Mr. Martin again at (253) 245-4927 by text message and he confirmed that Ernest worked for Martin Movers.
4. On June 15, 2015, I conducted a reverse search on www.accurint.com for (253) 245-4927. The search produced two results, an unknown listing for a cellular

¹ See Attachment A for an advertisement for Martin Movers posted on www.craigslist.org, which I printed on June 12, 2015.

telephone in Parkland, WA, and a listing for Chris Carson at 2317 S. 96th St., Apt. 321, Parkland, WA 98444. A search for the Parkland address on www accurint.com produced a current resident, Edward Martin.²

5. I reviewed Commission records related to Martin Movers to determine whether the company held a household goods permit. According to Commission records, as of August 3, 2015, there is no record of Edward Martin d/b/a Martin Movers now (or ever) holding a household goods permit.
6. On July 10, 2015, commission staff sent a compliance letter to Edward Martin d/b/a Martin Movers, at 2317 S. 96th St., Apt. 321, Parkland, WA 98444, (1) outlining the licensing process for household goods movers, directing Edward Martin 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. Martin was required to respond or apply for a permit by July 24, 2015. On July 10, 2015, Mr. Martin's friend, Ernest, called the commission regarding the compliance letter and stated that he would ensure Mr. Martin's advertisements were in compliance and he would help Mr. Martin to obtain a permit. Ernest also confirmed that he had been working with Mr. Martin as part of Martin Movers and that Mr. Martin was the owner of Martin Movers.
7. On August 3, 2015, I confirmed no permit application had been submitted for "Edward Martin" or "Martin Movers." A search on www.craigslist.org produced nine advertisements for moving services from July 29, 2015, to August 1, 2015.³ The advertisements provided the same (253) 245-4927 telephone number, as well as an email address, emartin944@yahoo.com.
8. On August 3, 2015, I sent an email to emartin944@yahoo.com requesting a move from Tacoma to Burien. I received an email response on the same day from "Martin movers" offering to perform the move for \$850, including a truck. The person also offered a price of \$90 an hour if I wanted to rent the truck and pay for all expenses. The man contacted me multiple times stating that he could beat any other moving price.⁴

DATED this 9th day of September, 2015, at Olympia, Washington.


MEGAN BANKS

² See Attachment B for www accurint.com results, which I printed on June 15, 2015. The information of individuals who are not a party to this action has been redacted.

³ See Attachment C for a list of advertisements containing Mr. Martin's telephone number posted on www.craigslist.org, which I printed on August 3, 2015.

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of the email exchange with emartin944@yahoo.com, which I printed on August 3, 2015.

Attachment A

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ab|| door-to-door boxes|| door to doorboxes|| storage unit||ab|| trailer||door|| 17ft truck||s||best value|| guaranteed||fast ||minute|| move||17R truck||
24ft truck||moving||

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<https://seattle.craigslist.org/tac/lbs/5058342840.html>

6/12/2015

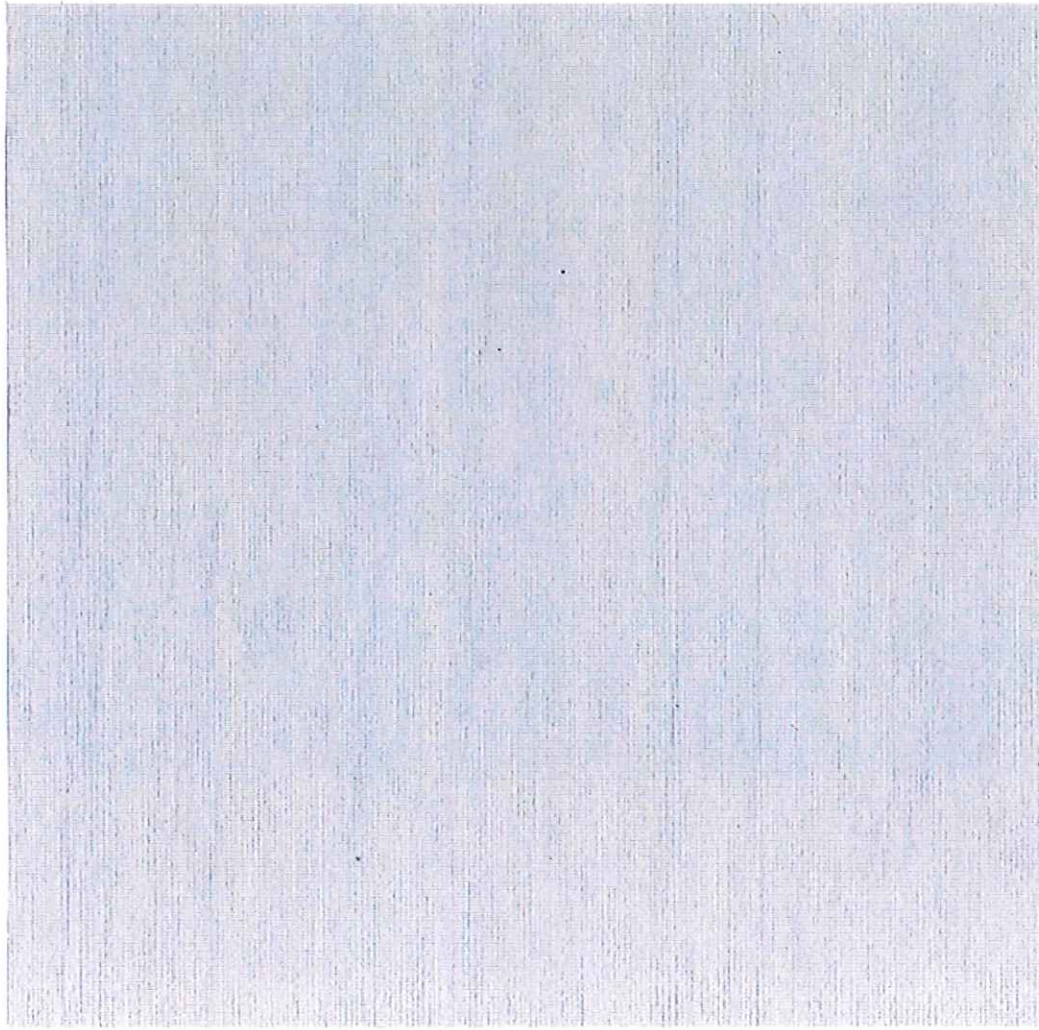
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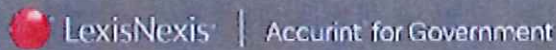
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Results 1 to 2 of 2
Phone: 253-245-4927

ID	NAME / SSN	ADDRESS	PHONE / FINDER / SOURCE	CARRIER / LOCATION	DATES
1.			253-245-4927 - FDT Real Time Phone *Active Phone	T-Mobile USA, Inc.	
2.	SSN: [REDACTED] LoxID: 385768921	[REDACTED]	253-245-4927 - PDT Possible Wireless	T-MOBILE USA, INC. AUBURN, WA	03/2015

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Comprehensive Address Report

2317 S 96TH ST APT 321, TACOMA WA 98444-7841

Collapse All

Current Ownership:

[None Found]

Previous Ownership:

[None Found]

Residential Phones at Address:

253-581-0105 -- [REDACTED] - PDT

Business Phones at Address:

[None Found]

Possible Residents:

Possible Current Residents:

EDWARD B MARTIN - SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx DOB: 06/xx/1969

Names Associated with Resident:

EDWARD B MARTIN - SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx DOB: 06/xx/1969

EDWARD B ENGLE MARTIN - SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx DOB: 06/xx/1969

EDWARD B ENGLE MARTIN - SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx DOB: 06/xx/1969

MR EDWARD B MARTIN

Possible Previous Residents:

[REDACTED] - SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx DOB: 01/xx/1969

Names Associated with Resident:

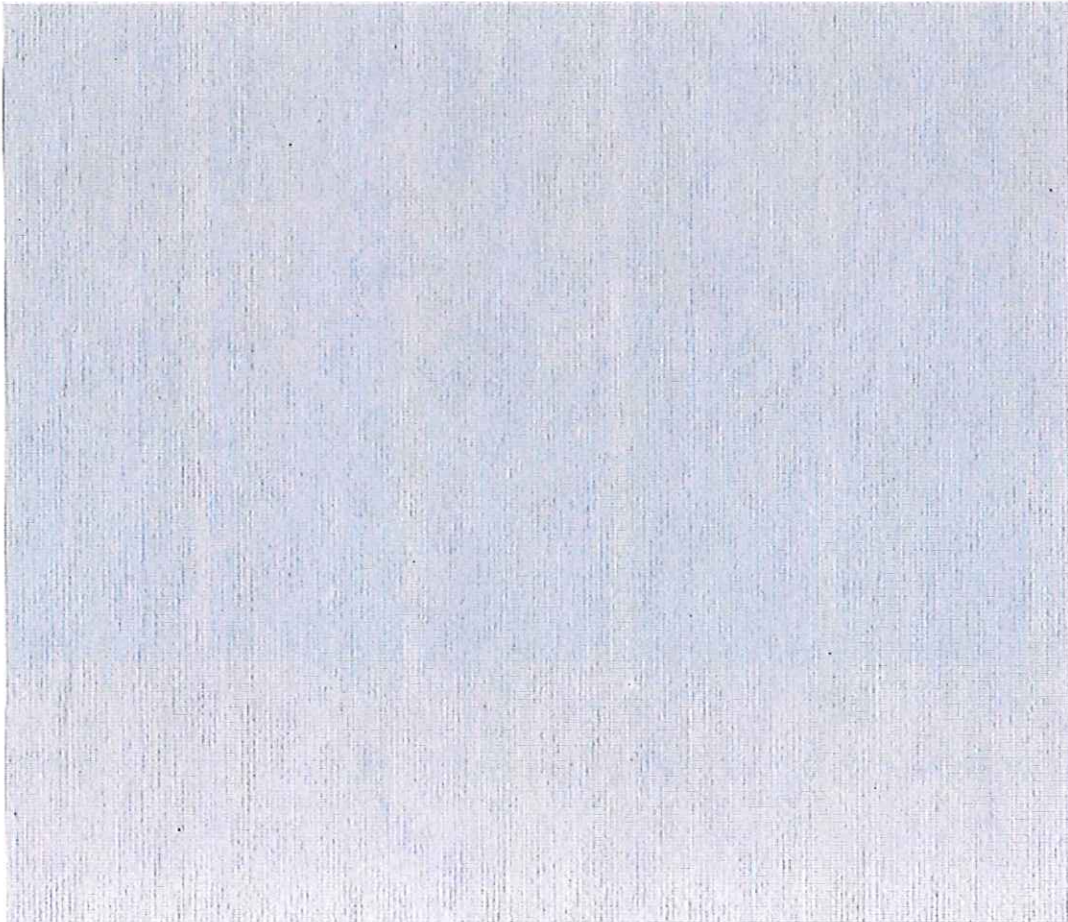
[REDACTED] SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx [REDACTED]

Current Address: [REDACTED]

Results 1 to 2 of 2
 Last Name: MARTIN; First Name: EDWARD; Middle Name: B; Street: 2317 S 95TH ST, APT. 321; City: TACOMA; State: WA; Zip: 98144

ALL	NAME	SSN	ADDRESS	PHONE	INDICATORS
1.	EDWARD ENGLE MARTIN EDWARD B MARTIN EDWARD B MARTIN EDWARD BILL MARTIN EDWARD I MARTIN EDWARD ENGLE MARTIN DOB: 6/20/1969 Age: 46 *View Sources (-3)	SSN: xxx-xx-xxxx LexID: 1814007643	2317 S 95TH ST APT 321 TACOMA, WA 98144-7841 Jun 2014 - May 2015 <hr/> 1538 LA MARQUITA SENDA SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173-1500 Jul 2007 - May 2015		 
2.	EDWARD B MARTIN Gender - Male *View Sources (-1)	LexID: 193046748872	2317 S 95TH ST APT 321 TACOMA, WA 98144-7841 Feb 2015		

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Attachment C

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- ★ Jul 31 [Helpers - \(United States\)](#) pic [x]
- ★ Jul 31 [Moving Help----Seattle-Tacoma and All Surrounding Areas - \(Tacoma Seattle\)](#) pic [x]
- ★ Jul 31 [ATTENTION!!Don't be fooled by low hourly rates from a moving service!](#) - pic [x]
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- ★ Jul 29 [Moving Help----Seattle-Tacoma and All Surrounding Areas - pic map](#) [x]
- ★ Jul 29 [ATTENTION!!Don't be fooled by low hourly rates from a moving service!](#) - ((Seattle-Tacoma)) pic [x]
- ★ Jul 29 [Need Help Loading/Unloading Your Truck?? - \(Seattle-Tacoma\)](#) pic [x]
- ★ Jul 29 [ATTENTION!!Don't be fooled by low hourly rates from a moving service!](#) - (Seattle-Tacoma) pic [x]

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preferred contact method:
 email
 phone
 text

contact name:
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contact by phone:
 ☎ 2532454927

reply by email:
 ✉ emartin944@yahoo.com

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Subject: RE: move
From: emartin944 (emartin944@yahoo.com)
To: magh56789@yahoo.com;
Date: Monday, August 3, 2015 12:27 PM

Okay for this move. I can do it for 850 that's including the truck. Without the truck meaning you would get the truck and pay for all expenses. Plus gas. My rates for two men are 90 dollars hr. So there's options. If you like to discuss this you may reach me at 253 245 4927 we can always negotiate the price depending on items you are moving. Have a great day hope to hear from you soon. Sincerely Martin movers

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: Mag H <magh56789@yahoo.com>
Date: 08/03/2015 11:25 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: emartin944@yahoo.com
Subject: move

Hi! Saw u on craigslist and need to move from north Tacoma to Burien. How much? Is that with truck or is a truck extra? Were moving from a 2 bed house to a 3 bed house. Just trying to get idea of total costs so I can convince my husband to hire movers ;) haha! Thanks! Maggie