

January 16, 2003

**In the Matter of Taxicab Driver's  
Findings of Fact**

**License #05501, held by Nick  
J. Saverino, 2647 Garfield Ave S. #4  
Minneapolis, MN 55408**

**Conclusion and  
Recommendations**

**This matter came before the Licenses and Consumer Services Division (LCS) during a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) investigative meeting held January 3, 2003 in room 1-C of City Hall. Mr. Saverino was present as well as License Inspector Carl Boeckmann and Clara Schmit-Gonzalez. Based on the evidence presented at the meeting, the Licenses and Consumer Services Division makes the following:**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1) Mr. Nick J. Saverino is a holder of a Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License # 05501.
- 2) On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Mr. Saverino was called out-of service by the office of Licensing and Consumer Services as a result of an investigation of a citation from October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 for driving while radio and computer was suspended.
- 3) Mr. Saverino stated that he was unclear that he couldn't operate the cab while the computer was suspended. He also stated that computer didn't function properly all the time.
- 4) On several occasions, Mr. Saverino was seen operating a cab with a female passenger present in the car. Mr. Saverino admits he did in-fact operate the cab, knowing it was unlawful to have a female passenger friend in the cab.
- 5) After contacting Yellow Taxi Service Company, it was learned that Mr. Saverino has never filed trip sheets for any time operating a cab during the months of November and December 2002. He admits that he never kept trips sheet nor did he turn any in to the service company for this time period.

**CONCLUSIONS**

1. To operate a cab after computer and radio suspension is a violation of Minneapolis Taxicab Ordinance Section 341.250(k).
2. To operate a cab with a passenger who is not a customer is a violation of Section 341.250(w).
3. Not filing any trip sheets within seventy-two (72) hours of a completed shift is a violation of 341.240.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the Division of Licenses and Consumer Services that:

- 1) Mr. Saverino will be suspended for a period of six (6) months. He has been placed out-of-service since October 18, 2002. This will be credited toward the six (6) months.
- 2) Mr. Saverino will pay an administrative fine of \$100.00 dollars, with \$50.00 payable before February 28, 2003 and \$50.00 payable before March 31, 2003.

**I have read the Technical Advisory Committee Investigative Meeting's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendations. I understand and agree to the recommendations contained herein and understand this agreement is subject to the approval of the City Council. I further agree that any violation of this agreement may result in the suspension or revocation of my Minneapolis Taxicab Driver's License and or Vehicle License.**

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**Signature, Nick J. Saverino**

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**Date**

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**Signature, Witness**

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**Date**