

BUTLER LAW FIRM

September 15, 2020

Carter Lumber Transport LLC
Attn: Safety Director
601 Tallmadge
Kent, OH 44240

Dear Safety Director,

I write to express concern about one of your drivers who nearly caused a collision. Fortunately, I was able to avoid him, so no collision occurred and nobody was hurt. But I did want you to be warned about this driver.

About 9:00am in Atlanta Georgia, the driver of a big box truck bearing your DOT number (2546417) and your company logo was driving from Johnson Road, down Lenox Road, and onto Cheshire Bridge Road. The box truck had an Ohio tag, PJD5932 (or it *may* have been PJD5432). Before turning left from Johnson Rd. onto Lenox Rd., he merged into the left-turn lane without looking and almost ran over me. To avoid a collision, I had to brake hard and swerve into the lane for oncoming traffic. Then on Lenox Rd. and Cheshire Bridge Rd., he was swerving in and out of his lane.

I pulled up beside his truck on Cheshire Bridge Rd. to get the DOT number, and I saw the driver while he was stopped at a traffic light. This is the only time I actually saw the driver. He was male, wearing a baseball cap, rubbing his face as though he were tired or stressed, and looking at the smartphone in his hand (while stopped at the light).

I hope your company will look into this and deal with the driver as appropriate before somebody gets hurt.

Thank you,

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