

Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board
5222 Suma Court, Number 352
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

ATT: Anna E. Dow February 16, 2010

In reply to your letter regarding my non-compliance to paying sales taxes at the Red Barn Auction :

The License to the business was under the name of William S. Boutin, Auctioneer Number 1681 starting August of 2007 and the year of 2008.

Due to medical problems I was unable to be there the time needed and do the work needed. He ran the auction house his way. I did furnish the building and furnish what monies I could, to help. I physically helped, what I could, but it was his show.

When asking, many times , what his tax situation was, he would reply "got it covered" When pressing the situation in November 2009, he replied he was running "*Ghost*" just as had had been doing with his Hometown Cuts Barber Shop for many years.

I proceeded to close the auction down. I reopened it February 6th , 2010.

I regret that Mr. Boutin is unhappy This is a young man , I thought would make a fine auctioneer. I paid for and sent him to auctioneer school. Due to my physical problems I needed help. I helped him in every way I could to get established in the business. He is a fairly good bid-caller, but would distort conditions of items and did not speak the truth about much of anything.

I refused to allow him to auction or be part of the auction and cut all ties with him. He has proceeded to harm me in every way possible. I am sure he will continue his little campaign.

I have only been back for two weeks taxes are not due yet. I will comply with all rules and regulations.

Thank you for your considerations and please let me know what you want or need and how I am to proceed.



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