



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

GRANTED: March 8, 2010

CBCA 1799-DBT

In the Matter of A. SIMMONS

A. Simmons, [REDACTED], Petitioner.

Adele Ross Vine, Office of Regional Counsel, General Services Administration,
Kansas City, MO, counsel for Respondent.

WALTERS, Board Judge.

The instant case arises out of a traffic accident that occurred [REDACTED], on November 29, 2007, involving a 1994 Ford van and a government owned vehicle. Respondent, the General Services Administration (GSA), has sought to garnish the wages of [REDACTED] A. Simmons, in order to recover \$9345.54 for damages sustained to the government vehicle. Ms. Simmons has sought this Board's review.

Ms. Simmons has provided information establishing to the Board's satisfaction that, on November 16, 2007, i.e., prior to the accident, she sold the Ford van in question to a Mr. [REDACTED] Valentine, an acquaintance of her brother-in-law, for \$750. We are advised that Ms. Simmons endorsed her [REDACTED] title certificate to Mr. Valentine; that, upon the sale, Mr. Valentine removed the van from Ms. Simmons' residence [REDACTED]; and that it was Mr. Valentine or another individual who was driving the van at the time of the accident. Ms. Simmons, upon request of the Board, has furnished GSA with contact information for Mr. Valentine.

Under these circumstances, Ms. Simmons is not liable to the Government for the claimed debt.


RICHARD C. WALTERS
Board Judge