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TEAMSTERS FILE 4TH CASE OF UNJUST TERMINATION FOR DRIVER AT GORDON FOOD SERVICE CANADA LTD.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Once again, in 2024, the Teamsters Union is defending GFS workers by representing an unjustly terminated employee at the Gordon Food Service Canada Delta Warehouse.

On Friday, April 26, 2024, the Union filed its fourth (4th) case at the BC Labour Relations Board involving a driver being unjustly terminated, stating that the Employer terminated Driver Alexander Kalliris with anti-union animus and without proper cause, contrary to sections 6(1), 6(3)(a) and (d) and 32(1) of the Labour Relations Code.

The Teamsters new case is a clear example of the need for union representation, especially on the heels of our recent case representing three (3) terminated Okanagan Drivers in a five (5) day hearing. “The Teamsters Union stands up and fights for our members,” affirmed President Stan Hennessy, “Never will a day pass where the Teamsters will not use the full extent of its power to represent workers subjected to undue punishment by this employer.”

Alexander Kalliris, a Delivery Driver with over three (3) years of seniority, was an employee at the Delta Warehouse. From June to November 2023, during the Teamsters certification campaign in Delta, Alexander actively engaged with Union officials outside of the Employer’s yard, conversed with fellow drivers about unionizing, and served as an inside union organizer, encouraging others to sign cards.

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“Upon investigating the termination of Driver Alexander Kalliris, the Teamsters Union found no justification for his discipline,” stated Director of Union Organizing Ben Hennessy, “Therefore, the Union and its legal team will represent Alexander to the fullest in a hearing at the BC Labour Relations Board to seek his reinstatement and compensation for lost wages.”

The Teamsters will seek from the Labour Board a declaration that the Employer has engaged in unfair labour practices, the reinstatement of Alexander Kalliris and the removal of discipline from his employee record, an order that the Employer post the Board’s decision in prominent locations in all of its workplaces, and make-whole order for all lost income for Alexander and the Union.

If you or someone you know faces unjust treatment or discipline from the company, please contact the Union confidentially for free advice and assistance at bhennessy@teamsters31.ca or via phone text at 604-880-1924.

The Teamsters: **Representing YOU to the Fullest.**

Your friend in labour,

Ben Hennessy
Director of Union Organizing
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