



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Bahadir Oztanc

File: Unlicensed

Date: July 2, 2026

Citation #: T.2026-07-002

Case #: CSE-1021

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. This violation occurred on July 1, 2026.

- **Operated as a charter-party carrier without authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5371 [1 count].**

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of carrier's records and substantiating documents obtained from other sources.

RESPONSE

TEB used the Penalty Assessment Methodology adopted in Resolution M-4846 and considered mitigating and exacerbating factors in setting the fine.

You are hereby called upon to answer this citation on or before July 22, 2026. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$1,500 pursuant to P.U. Code Section 5378. Submit your check or money order payable to California Public Utilities Commission using the attached *Citation Agreement*. Upon payment, the fine will be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund and the Commission staff will deem the matter closed, **or**
- (2) Contact the Supervisor below to make payment arrangements, **or**
- (3) Contest this Citation by filing an Appeal. See attached document "*How to File an Appeal and Instructions for Filing a Notice of Appeal and Certificate of Service for a Citation Appeal.*"

If you fail to respond by July 22, 2026, you will be in default and will have forfeited your right to appeal the Citation. In addition, your operating authority will be immediately suspended and may be subsequently revoked pursuant to Resolution ALJ-187. The Commission may also act through a civil or criminal proceeding to recover any unpaid fine and ensure compliance with applicable statutes and Commission orders.



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Transportation Enforcement Branch  
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## Public Utilities Commission

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### CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated July 2, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$1,500

Bahadir Oztanc



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(Signature)

(Title)

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(Date)

**Licensed Carriers:**

Payment shall be submitted online via TCP Portal ([Welcome to TCP Portal\(ca.gov\)](http://Welcome to TCP Portal(ca.gov))) using a credit card or ACH.

Or

Payment (cashier check or money order) should be made payable to *California Public Utilities Commission* and sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Fiscal Office  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

INVESTIGATION REPORT

**CARRIER:** Bahadir Oztanc

**OWNER:** Bahadir Oztanc

**AUTHORITY:** Unlicensed

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

[REDACTED]

**PHONE/EMAIL:**

[REDACTED]

**VEHICLES:** 1 (License Plate # [REDACTED], VIN [REDACTED])

**EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS:** N/A

**PL&PD INSURANCE:** N/A

**WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE:** N/A

**DRUG CONSORTIUM:** N/A

## INTRODUCTION

On July 2, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Bahadir Oztanc because Mr. Oztanc was observed soliciting two passengers for compensation. This incident occurred during a joint operation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Santa Clara Police Department on July 1, 2026. Mr. Oztanc's vehicle, with license plate [REDACTED], was then subsequently impounded by CHP [Attachment 1].

## VIOLATION

The investigation of Bahadir Oztanc found the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

- **Operated as a charter-party carrier without authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5371 [1 count]**

On July 1, 2026, I observed Bahadir Oztanc escorting two passengers to his vehicle and subsequently entering the vehicle with them. I approached the vehicle and interviewed the passengers. During the interview, I verified that Mr. Oztanc did not have an active trip on either the Uber or Lyft platform. One passenger initially asserted that Mr. Oztanc was a friend; however, both passengers were unable to provide Mr. Oztanc's name upon initial questioning and could not provide any contact information for him. The passengers stated that Mr. Oztanc had transported them to Santa Clara and agreed to drive them home. Neither the passengers nor Mr. Oztanc could produce any text messages, emails, or other written communications documenting this arrangement.

CHP Officer Hansen Tam and Program and Project Supervisor Shirley Lei then approached the vehicle and initiated further questioning, including a request for the agreed-upon payment for the trip. The passengers were uncooperative and declined to disclose the payment amount, with one passenger stating that the matter was "between them and the driver." After Officer Tam and Ms. Lei explained the seriousness of the situation, both passengers exited the vehicle. Additionally, I confirmed with the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch's (TLAB) database that Mr. Oztanc has never held any operating authority from the Commission.

Mr. Oztanc operated a passenger vehicle for compensation without CPUC authority, in violation of California Pub. Util. Code §5371, which requires any charter-party carrier of passengers, to obtain a CPUC certificate or permit before operating for compensation. As a result, I served an Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist [**Attachment 2**] to Mr. Oztanc for operating without authority. Subsequently, I submitted the Request to Impound Form (CHP 180) to CHP Officer Tam (Badge #18053) to impound the vehicle [**Attachment 3**].

## DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof and I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and to those matters, I believe to be true.

Executed on July 2, 2026, in San Francisco, California

*Destiny Graham*

Destiny Graham, PURA IV

## **List of Attachments**

- **Attachment 1** – Images of Vehicle with LP [REDACTED] (Impounded)
- **Attachment 2** – Signed Inspection Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist (Yellow copies)
- **Attachment 3** – Request for Impound and CHP 180 Forms

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Images of Vehicle with LP 9ZJE663 (Impounded)



## ATTACHMENT 2

### Signed Inspection Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist (Yellow Copies)

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT

Location: Airport/Other: \_\_\_\_\_ PSC/TCP/TNC: Unlicensed Investigator: DEE Date: 7/17/26

Prime Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver: OZIANC, BAHADIR CDL#

Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Leased/Owned (circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle: ☐ TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper ☐ No Trade Dress ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Vehicle not listed with PUC ☐ PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle\* ☐ Carrier's name not on side of vehicle\* ☒ Soliciting/operating w/o authority

Waybill: ☐ No waybill ☐ Driver's Name ☐ No. of person in group ☐ Transportation arranged by phone or written contract ☐ Name of at least 1 passenger in traveling party or identification of traveling party's affiliation

TNC OPS: ☐ No Trade Dress ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Profile Non-Match ☐ Lack Proof of Prearranged Ride ☐ Non-State CDL ☐ No Airport Permit

Violation(s): ☒ Yes, as noted above and in comments below ☐ No Violation

Law Enforcement Citation No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Driver solicited 2 passengers, passengers could not provide contact info & driver nor text/call exchange of ride of "friend", passengers claimed driver refused to stop, dropped off before game

Signature and Title \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST**

Date: July 1, 2014  
 Carrier: Bahadır Özkan  
 TCP number, if any \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Status: Unlicensed

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has determined that you are operating without valid authority.

**YOUR COMPANY MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST FROM ANY AND ALL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, UNTIL YOU MEET ALL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND RECEIVE VALID OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM THE CPUC.**

**ANY OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ADVERTISING, WHILE OPERATING IN A SUSPENDED, CANCELLED, REVOKED, OR DENIED STATE IS UNLAWFUL.**

This letter places your company on notice that any activity without the required permit or certificate is a violation and may result in civil or criminal prosecutions, possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service. To acknowledge receipt of this notice, please call 800-894-9444 within 5 business days of receipt.

☒ **OPERATION WITHOUT AUTHORITY**  
 Public Utilities Code Sections 5371 and 5381 (TCP/Section 1031 (PSC)) - Circle One

☐ **OPERATION AFTER: SUSPENSION/REVOCATION/EXPIRATION/DENIAL OF AUTHORITY**  
 Public Utilities Code Section 5379 (TCP/Section 1045 (PSC)) - Circle One

☐ **ADVERTISEMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY**  
 Public Utilities Code Section 5414.5 (TCP/Section 1037 (PSC)) - Circle One

Signature: Bahadır Özkan TITLE: Driver

\*\*\*\*\*IF DRIVER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, DRIVER IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO RESPONSIBLE OWNER\*\*\*\*\*

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[Redacted]

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### ATTACHMENT 3

### Request for Impound and CHP 180 Forms



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of vehicle (including driver): 8

Indicate number of passengers (including driver): 5

One of the following is required:

- ☒ No TCP permit or certificate issued  
TCP/PSC: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle and) pending, suspended, revoked, expired, or denied.  
☐ Driver does not possess a valid and current CDL for vehicle operated license class, endorsement, or required certificate.

Name of CPUC Enforcement Analyst requesting impound: Darling Graham

Charge one of the following:

- ☒ PU Code Sections 5411/1037 ref PU Code Sections 5371/1031 -  
Misdemeanor/Unlawful to operate without proper PUC operating authority.  
☐ PU Code Sections 5411/1037 ref PU Code Sections 5379/1045 -  
Misdemeanor/Unlawful to operate with suspended, revoked, or expired authority.

In body of citation indicate: "Vehicle impounded per 14602.9 CVC."

Name of person, who within 2 DAYS, notified the legal owner of the impound by certified mail:

Darling Graham

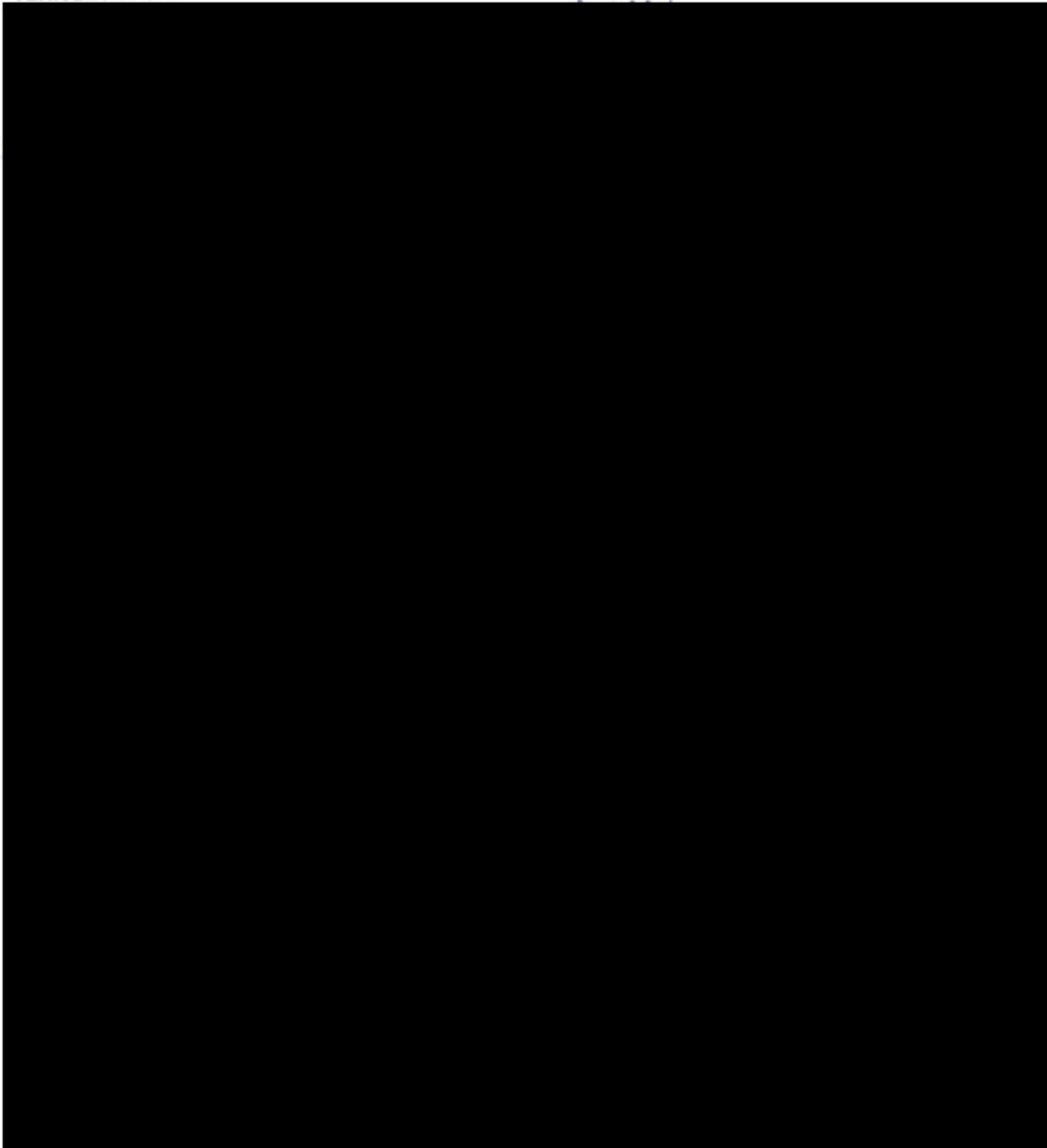
Citing/Arresting Officer Name: Officer Tam (Badge #18053)

Allied Agency Case Number: 1430

Date: July 1, 2024

Reason for stop and additional notes on back of this form.

VEHICLE REPORT



FRONT



LEFT SIDE



RIGHT SIDE



REAR



TOP

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT

TAM

I.D. NO.

18053

SUPERVISOR

REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED  
AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC?

☐ YES

☐ NO

DATE NOTIFIED

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