



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Adir Goetze

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

File: Unlicensed

Date: February 10, 2026

Citation #: T.2026-02-005

Case #: CSE-835

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 February 8, 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 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 March 4, 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 March 4, 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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Attachments



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

File No.: Unlicensed

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated February 10, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$ 1,500.

Adir Goetz

[Redacted Signature]

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Automatic credit and debit card payments are available. To arrange for autopay, fill out the attached CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION form and email it to our Fiscal Office at FiscalOffice-.TECitations@cpuc.ca.gov.

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: Adir Goetze

OWNER: Adir Goetze

AUTHORITY: Unlicensed

MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL: [REDACTED]

VEHICLES: 1 (License Plate [REDACTED])

EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS: N/A

PL&PD INSURANCE: N/A

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

DRUG CONSORTIUM: N/A

INTRODUCTION

On February 9, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Adir Goetze, who was utilizing his personal vehicle as an unlicensed TNC carrier at Levi's Stadium. This incident occurred during a joint operation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Santa Clara Police Department at Levi's Stadium on February 8, 2026. Mr. Goetze, with license plate [REDACTED], was then subsequently impounded by CHP [**Attachment 1**].

VIOLATION

The investigation of Adir Goetze 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 February 8, 2026, Transportation Enforcement Analysts Destiny Graham and Mingfeng Li and CHP Officer Richard Robinson conducted a compliance check on Adir Goetze, who provided a Lyft app belonging to Dani Portela [**Attachment 2**]. Mr. Goetze admitted he was using a profile that was not his own. I confirmed with the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch's (TLAB) database that Mr. Goetze has never held any operating authority from the Commission.

Mr. Goetze 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, including TNC drivers, to obtain a CPUC certificate or permit before operating for compensation. As a result, an Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist [**Attachment 3**] were served to Mr. Goetze for operating without authority. Subsequently, I submitted the Request to Impound Form (CHP 180) to CHP Officer Robinson (Badge #21499) to impound the vehicle. [**Attachment 4**].

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 February 10, 2026, in San Francisco, California

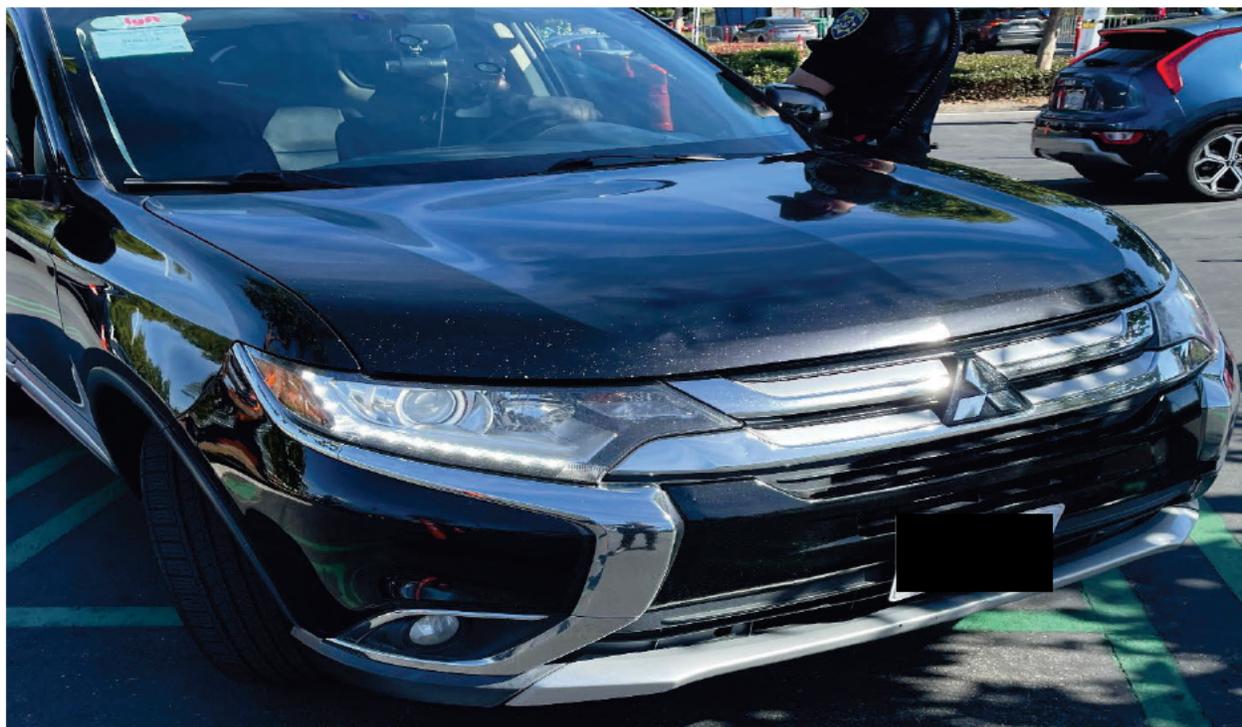
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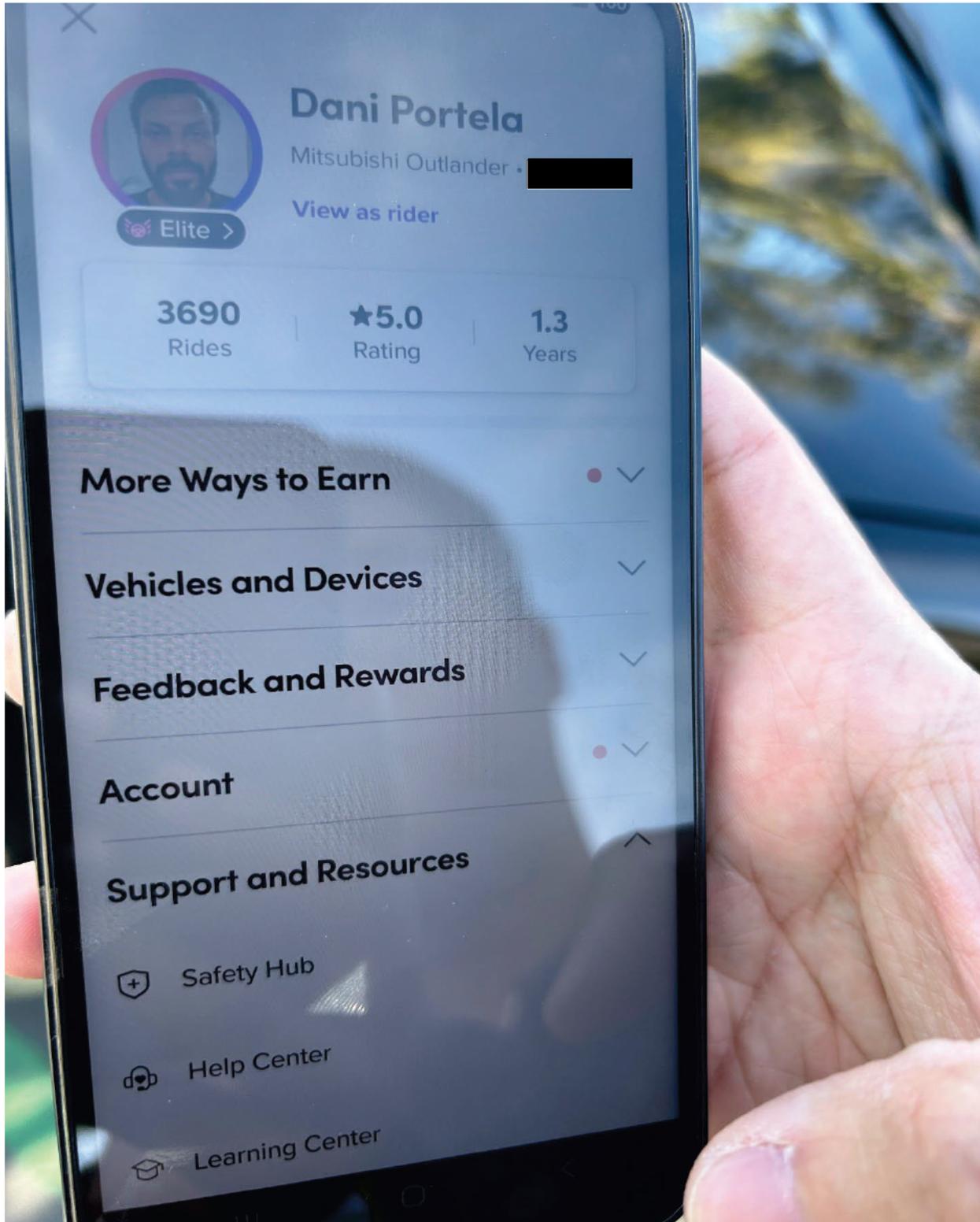
List of Attachments

- **Attachment 1** – Images of Vehicle with LP [REDACTED] (Impounded)
- **Attachment 2** – Profile of Dani Portela
- **Attachment 3** – Signed Inspection Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist
- **Attachment 4** – Request for Impound (CHP 180)

Attachment 1- Images of Vehicle with LP [REDACTED] (Impounded)



Attachment 2 - Profile of Dani Portela



Attachment 3 - Signed Inspection Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT**

Date: 2/8/25

Location: Airport/Other: _____ PSC/TCP/TNC LYFT Investigator: _____
(Circle one)

Prime Carrier: _____ Phone#: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Driver: Adir Goetze CDL#: _____ State: CA Class: C
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Years w/company: _____ Prime Carrier: _____

Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: _____
(Circle one)

Comments: Operating lyft app under other person public

License Plate #: _____ VIN #: _____ Registration Exp.: _____ Seats: _____

Registered Owner: _____ Leased/Owned
(Circle one)

Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Violation(s):

Vehicle: TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper
 Vehicle not listed with PUC No Trade Dress Front Rear
 PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle* Carrier's name not on side of vehicle*
*Exempt for vehicles < 25 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days

Waybill: No waybill Carrier Name /TCP# Vehicle License Plate #
 Driver's Name Time/Date Charter arranged Origin/Destination
 No. of person in group Name/address of persons arranging charter
 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: App Sharing - also Driver's license on him
Original Profile - Dani Portada

Signature and Title

Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines

NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 2/3/26
Carrier: Kyft
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 5387 (TCP) Section 1031 (PSC) - Circle One
- OPERATION AFTER: SUSPENSION/REVOCAION/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 _____ TITLE _____

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

COMMENTS: App Shamy, No DL w/ driver

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.

[Signature]
Enforcement Analyst Signature

ATTACHMENT 4 - Request for Impound (CHP 180)


Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of vehicle (including driver): 5

Indicate number of passengers (including driver): 01

One of the following is required:

- No TCP permit or certificate issued
- TCP/PSC: _____ (circle one) 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: Destiny 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: Destiny Graham

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: Officer Robinson

Allied Agency Case Number: 220

Date: 2/8/20

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

VEHICLE REPORT

CHP 180 (Rev. 4-16) OPI 061

30 DAY IMPOUND

A17025

REPORTING DEPARTMENT CHP - SAN JOSE	LOCATION CODE 9340	DATE / TIME OF REPORT 2/18/26	NOTICE OF STORED VEHICLE DELIVERED PERSONALLY <input type="checkbox"/>	FILE NO.
LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM 5451 GREAT AMERICA PKWY SANTA CLARA	ODD METER READING 215845	VIN CLEAR IN SVS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	DATE / TIME DISPATCH NOTIFIED 2/18/26 11:45P	LOG NO. 220
YEAR 2014	MAKE MITSUBISHI	MODEL OUTLANDER	BODY TYPE SUV	COLOR BLACK
REGISTERED OWNER ADIR GOETZE	LEGAL OWNER	VALUATION BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER	ONE MONTH / YEAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TWO	STATE CA

STORED IMPOUNDED RELEASED RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT

TOWING / STORAGE CONCERN (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE)
LIMA TOW 3991 THOMAS RD SANTA CLARA 408-986-8267

STORAGE AUTHORITY / REASON
146029VC

CONDITION	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		ITEMS	YES		NO		Tires / Wheels	CONDITION			
	YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO	YES	NO		YES	NO	YES	NO					
WRECKED			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		SEAT (FRONT)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		REGISTRATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DAMPER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		LEFT FRONT	GOOD
BURNED HULK per 431(c) CVC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		SEAT (REAR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ALT. / GENERATOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		VESSEL AS LOAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		RIGHT FRONT	
VANDALIZED			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		RADIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		BATTERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		FIREARMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		LEFT REAR	
ENG. / TRANS. STRIP			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		TAPE DECK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DIFFERENTIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OTHER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		RIGHT REAR	
MISC. PARTS STRIP			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		TAPES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		TRANSMISSION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					Spare	NO
BODY METAL STRIP			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		OTHER RADIO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					HUB CAPS	NO
SURGICAL STRIP per 431(b) CVC			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		IGNITION KEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MANUAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					SPECIAL WHEELS	NO

RELEASE VEHICLE TO: NO OR AGENT AGENCY HOLD 22850.3 CVC

NAME OF PERSON / AGENCY AUTHORIZING RELEASE: _____ I.D. NO. _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZING RELEASE: _____

GARAGE PRINCIPAL / AGENT STORING VEHICLE (SIGNATURE): *[Signature]* DATE / TIME: **2/18/26 1345**

CERTIFICATION: I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM LEGALLY AUTHORIZED AND ENTITLED TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING POSSESSION: _____

STOLEN VEHICLE / COMPONENT EMBEZZLED VEHICLE PLATE(S) REPORT

DATE / TIME OF OCCURRENCE	DATE / TIME REPORTED	NAME OF REPORTING PARTY (R/P)	DRIVER LICENSE NO. / STATE
LAST DRIVER OF VEHICLE	DATE / TIME	ADDRESS OF R/P	TELEPHONE OF R/P ()

I CERTIFY OR DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

REMARKS
(LIST PROPERTY, TOOLS, VEHICLE DAMAGE, ARRESTS)

DRIVER'S NAME ADIR GOETZE	ARRESTED / SECTION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	REPORTED BY	CARGO / TYPE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	VALUE \$ 0
DAMAGE: LARGE DENTS TO HOOD, CRACKED / DENTED FRONT BUMPER, MED DENTS TO DRIVERS SIDE DOOR, LARGE DENT TO REAR LEFT BUMPER, DEEP SCRATCHES TO REAR BUMPER, DENT TO RIGHT REAR FENDER		PROPERTY: BLACK TIRE INFLATOR / POWER BANK (LIKE NEW) IN CASE, MISC CAR CLEANING SUPPLIES, HEARUGA? BULB, UMBRELLA, MENS TOILETRY KIT IN BA, SUNGLASSES, 3 USB CHARGING CABLES, FLASHLIGHT, MISC FOOD / WATER		

FRONT LEFT SIDE RIGHT SIDE REAR TOP

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT: **R. ROBINSON** I.D. NO. **21499** SUPERVISOR: **SINCEWAL 17806**

REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC? YES NO

DATE NOTIFIED