



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Carlos Alfredo Gomez

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

File: Unlicensed

Date: March 4, 2026

Citation #: T.2026-03-002

Case #: CSE-873

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 March 2, 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 24, 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 24, 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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Attachments



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT**

File No.: Unlicensed

Citation #: T.2026-03-002

Date: March 4, 2026

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated March 4, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$ 1,500.

Carlos Alfredo Gomez

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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](mailto: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:** Carlos Alfredo Gomez

**OWNER:** Carlos Alfredo Gomez

**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 March 4, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Carlos Alfredo Gomez because he was operating as an unlicensed TCP carrier in San Ysidro. This incident occurred during a joint operation with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) at San Ysidro on March 2, 2026. Mr. Gomez's Toyota Sienna, with license plate [REDACTED], was subsequently impounded by SDPD [Attachment 1].

## VIOLATION

The investigation of Carlos Alfredo Gomez 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 March 2, 2026, SDPD Officer Diaz observed Mr. Carlos Alfredo Gomez approaching two passengers with luggage and leading them to his vehicle. SDPD Officers Edington and Ascencio pulled the driver over on the side of 700 E San Ysidro Boulevard for potential illegal transportation activity. Transportation Enforcement Analysts Steve Esguerra, Destiny Graham and Mary Sekyi-Appiah conducted a compliance check on Mr. Gomez. Two passengers (father and son) in his vehicle admitted that they were solicited for a ride from San Ysidro to Los Angeles for a fee of \$150.00. I confirmed with the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch's (TLAB) database that Mr. Gomez has never held any operating authority from the Commission.

Mr. Gomez 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 were served to Mr. Gomez for operating without authority [Attachment 2]. Subsequently, a Request to Impound Form was submitted to Officer Edington (Badge #6482) 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 March 4, 2026, in San Francisco, California

*Mary Sekyi-Appiah*

Mary Sekyi-Appiah, PURA III

## **List of Attachments**

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

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



## Attachment 2 - Signed Inspection Observation Report and Cease-and-Desist

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT**

Location: Airport/Other: San Ysidro PSC/TCP/TNC: Unlicensed Investigator: DOF Date: 3/2/26

Prime Carrier: Carlos Alfredo Gomez Address: 1500 S. Grand Ave #112 City: [REDACTED] State: CA Zip: [REDACTED]

Driver: Carlos Alfredo Gomez Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] State: CA Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED] Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: [REDACTED]

Comments: [REDACTED]

License Plate #: [REDACTED] Registration Exp: [REDACTED]

Registered Owner: Same as above Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] State: CA Zip: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

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

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.: [REDACTED]

Comments: Driver operating w/o permit & no valid insurance  
Father & son to LA for \$150

[REDACTED]

**NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST**

Date: 3/2/20  
Carrier: Unauthorized  
TCP number, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Operating State: 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 prosecution, possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service. To acknowledge receipt of this notice, please call 800-874-9444 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/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: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: Driver

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

COMMENTS: Operating without Authority. 2 passengers  
to LA for \$150. no proof of insurance

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.

[Signature]  
Enforcement Analyst Signature

## ATTACHMENT873 3 - Request for Impound

  
Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of vehicle (including driver): 3  
Indicate number of passengers (including driver): 3  
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: Steve Esquerria

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: Steve Esquerria SPPD

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: Queen Edington

Allied Agency Case Number: 26007981

Date: 3/2/26

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



# San Diego Police Department

## Tow Signature Form

EVENT NUMBER: [REDACTED] CASE NUMBER: 2600798 DATE: 3/2/26 TIME: 0953

LOCATION TOWED FROM: 700 E. SAN YSIDRO BLVD BEAT: 714

TOW COMPANY: CORTES TOWING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STORAGE ADDRESS: 1805 MAXWELL RD CSZ: CHULA VISTA, CA 91911

REGISTERED/CURRENT OWNER

LEGAL OWNER

GOMEZ, CARLOS ALFONSO

STORAGE AUTHORITY (CVC CODE): ~~14602.9 (b) (6) C.V.C.~~ 14602.9 (b) (6) C.V.C.

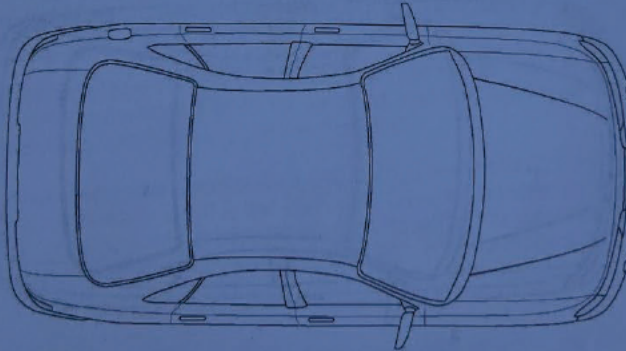
HOLD ☐ STORED ☐ IMPOUNDED ☒ RECOVERED-VEHICLE ☐

YEAR 07 MAKE TOYOTA MODEL SIENNA BODY TYPE VAN COLOR WHT

VIN

LIC# [REDACTED] CA EXP. (MO/YR): 09/26 # OF PLATES: 2 ODOMETER: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE DAMAGE:



INVENTORY/NARRATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Juan Angulo

TOW DRIVER PRINT NAME

EDINGTON 6482

OFFICER PRINT NAME/ID

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OFFICER SIGNATURE

10:29am

TIME

0957

TIME



## San Diego Police Dept Officer Report

CAD Event No:

Case No. 26007981

Report No. 175797

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**GENERAL CASE INFORMATION**

|                                                  |       |                              |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Special Studies:                                 |       | Related Cases:               |                |
| Location, City, State, ZIP:                      |       | Occurred On:                 |                |
| 700 E San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro, CA 92173 |       | 3/2/2026 9:20:51 AM (Monday) |                |
| Jurisdiction:                                    | Beat: | Call Source:                 | (and Between): |
| Border - Southern                                | 714   |                              |                |

**INDIVIDUAL/S****REPORT NARRATIVE****OFFICER'S STATEMENT:**

On 03-02-2026, at about 0840 hours, I was working in a plain clothes capacity near the United States San Ysidro Port of Entry located at 700 E San Ysidro Boulevard in the City of San Diego. I was in the area to assist with the enforcement of individuals illegally transporting patrons in vehicles without a permit in violation 5411 PUC. These individuals are sometimes referred as "wildcatters."

I have worked in the area for over ten years and I am familiar with the way individuals involved in wildcatting operate. I have arrested over ten individuals for soliciting transportation. I have also operated as an undercover operator and witnessed firsthand how the individuals conduct business with patrons.

I observed a Hispanic male, later identified through a California Identification card as Carlos Alfredo Gomez, parked at 700 East San Ysidro Boulevard. I observed him have a conversation with a male I recognized as a "wildcatter" from multiple prior contacts. That male was [REDACTED] I then observed Gomez park his white 2007 Toyota Sienna ([REDACTED]) inside a paid parking lot located at 701 E San Ysidro boulevard.

I observed Gomez, Chavez and a third unknown male approach numerous people walking in the area in an attempt to solicit transportation.

At about 0920 hours, I observed Gomez walking to his vehicle with multiple pedestrians that had luggage with them. Travelers are a commonly targeted group in the area. I believed Gomez had agreed to transport those individuals. I observed the travelers load up their luggage and Gomez leave the parking lot.

The white Toyota Sienna did not have any visible permit number, no "Uber," "Lyft," or any insignia indicating the vehicle was a licensed vehicle for transportation.

The vehicle came to a stop at a red zone along the east curb line of 700 E San Ysidro Boulevard in violation of 22500 CVC. Gomez blocked an active turning lane as he spoke to another male that was escorting a different group of travelers. I also recognized that male as a "wildcatter."

I communicated with uniformed Officer Edington #6482 and Officer Ascencio #6025 about my observations. They were able to conduct a traffic stop and Gomez eventually admitted to acting as a charter without a permit in violation of 5411 PUC (Refer to Detention Report prepared by Officer Edington for details).

**RELEASED REPORTS:**

Refer to Detention Report (Case #26007981) prepared by Officer Edington.

Approved by: Sgt T. Millan #5737

|                                                 |                                                    |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Reporting Officer<br>SD7288 - DIAZ, FRANCISCO J | Division / Organization<br>SOPAT / SDIV - Southern | Reviewed By<br>SD5737 - MILLAN, TEOPHILSON D |
| Report Date<br>3/2/2026 1:19:47 PM              | Detective Assigned                                 | Reviewed Date<br>3/2/2026 3:06:45 PM         |

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Printed By SD6482

Printed: March 3, 2026 - 7:26 AM

# San Diego Police Department Impound Report

Impound No.: I-26-0127488

Impound Date: 3/2/2026 9:53:00 AM

Case No.: 26007981

CAD Event No.: 26030001600

| GENERAL IMPOUND INFORMATION                                               |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Notice(s) of SV Sent:<br><b>Registered Owner /<br/>Current Owner</b>      |                                              | Notice(s) Sent On:<br><b>3/2/2026 9:53:00 AM</b> |                                                          | Notice(s) Sent By:<br><b>SD8530 - MAGANA, ETNA</b> |                         |
| Location Towed/Recovered From:<br><b>700 E. San Ysidro Blvd</b>           |                                              |                                                  | CSZ Towed/Recovered From:<br><b>San Ysidro, CA 92173</b> |                                                    |                         |
| Jurisdiction:<br><b>Border - Southern</b>                                 |                                              |                                                  | Beet:<br><b>714</b>                                      |                                                    |                         |
| Location Stolen From:                                                     |                                              |                                                  | CSZ Stolen From:                                         |                                                    |                         |
| STORAGE DETAIL                                                            |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Tow Company Name:<br><b>Cortes</b>                                        |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Storage Location:<br><b>1805 Maxwell Road</b>                             |                                              |                                                  | CSZ Storage Location:<br><b>Chula Vista, CA 91911</b>    |                                                    |                         |
| Storage Authority:<br><b>OTHER - Other reason (see impound notes)</b>     |                                              |                                                  | Storage Officer ID:<br><b>SD6482 - EDINGTON, CARLOS</b>  |                                                    |                         |
| Release to Owner Authorized:                                              |                                              | Release Authorized By:                           |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Released Date:                                                            |                                              | Agency Hold:                                     |                                                          | Drivable:                                          |                         |
| VEHICLE INFORMATION                                                       |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Property Type:<br><b>Automobile/Light Truck (not Stolen or Recovered)</b> |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Odometer Reading:                                                         |                                              | Plate Clear in SVS:<br><b>Yes</b>                |                                                          | No. of Plates:<br><b>2</b>                         |                         |
| License State:<br><b>CA</b>                                               | Plate Type:<br><b>Regular Passenger Auto</b> |                                                  |                                                          | Registration Expires (MO/YR):<br><b>Sep 2026</b>   |                         |
| VIN Clear in SVS:<br><b>Yes</b>                                           |                                              | VIN:                                             |                                                          | Engine Number:                                     |                         |
| Year:<br><b>2007</b>                                                      | Make:<br><b>Toyota</b>                       |                                                  | Model:<br><b>Sienna (van)</b>                            |                                                    |                         |
| Style:<br><b>Van</b>                                                      |                                              | Color 1:<br><b>White</b>                         |                                                          | Color 2:                                           |                         |
| Condition:                                                                |                                              | Appraised Value:                                 |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Additional Vessel / Registration Information                              |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Vessel Type:                                                              | Hull Material:                               | Hull Color:                                      | Trim Color:                                              | Length:                                            |                         |
| Beam:                                                                     | Propulsion:                                  | Engine HSPWR:                                    | Engine Make:                                             | Reg / Doc No :                                     |                         |
| Hull Identification Number(HIN):                                          |                                              | HIN Clear in ABS:                                |                                                          | Reg. Clear in ABS:                                 |                         |
| Vehicle Tires/Wheels                                                      |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Left Front:                                                               | Right Front:                                 | Left Rear:                                       | Right Rear:                                              | Spare:                                             | Hub Caps:               |
| Special Wheels:                                                           |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Item Identification                                                       |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Item ID:                                                                  |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Vehicle Damage                                                            |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Identifying Marks:                                                        |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    | Vehicle Damage Graphic: |
| Security Items:                                                           |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |
| Vehicle Damage Notes:                                                     |                                              |                                                  |                                                          |                                                    |                         |

# San Diego Police Department Impound Report

Impound No.: I-26-0127488

Impound Date: 3/2/2026 9:53:00 AM

Case No.: 26007981

CAD Event No.: 26030001600

| INVENTORY                                              |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Inventory Officer:<br><b>SD6482 - EDINGTON, CARLOS</b> |  |                   |  | Inventory Date/Time:<br><b>3/2/2026 10:30:00 AM</b> |                      |                                     |  | Inventory Witness: |  |
| Inventory Notes:                                       |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| OTHER ENTITIES                                         |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| <b>Other Entity #1</b>                                 |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Name:<br><b>GOMEZ, CARLOS ALFREDO</b>                  |  |                   |  | Entity Type:<br><b>Registered Owner (Person)</b>    |                      | Person Code:                        |  |                    |  |
| ALIAS / AKA / NICKNAME / MONIKER:                      |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Home Address, City, State, ZIP:<br>[REDACTED]          |  |                   |  | Res. Country:<br><b>UNITED STATES</b>               |                      | Place of Birth:                     |  | Undocumented:      |  |
| Race:                                                  |  | Sex:              |  | Date of Birth / Age:                                |                      | Height:                             |  | Weight:            |  |
|                                                        |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Hair Color:                                            |  | Eye Color:        |  | Facial Hair:                                        |                      | Complexion:                         |  |                    |  |
|                                                        |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Employment Status:                                     |  | Occupation/Grade: |  | Employer/School:                                    |                      | Employer Address, City, State, ZIP: |  |                    |  |
|                                                        |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| CONTACT INFORMATION:                                   |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| IDENTIFICATION:                                        |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| Injury:                                                |  |                   |  |                                                     | Extent of Treatment: |                                     |  |                    |  |
|                                                        |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |
| REPORT NARRATIVE                                       |  |                   |  |                                                     |                      |                                     |  |                    |  |

On 03/02/26, at approximately 0927 hours, Officer A. Ascencio #6025 and I were assigned to an enforcement operation targeting individuals providing charter transportation without California Public Commission permits or authority, in violation of 5411 P.U.C. This operation was conducted with the assistance of Public Utilities Commission personnel. We were in full police uniform and driving a marked patrol vehicle.

At approximately 0925 hours, Officer F. Diaz #7288 notified us he had observed a male providing transportation to passengers and it appeared to be a spontaneous solicited ride, commonly referred to as 'wildcatting' (See Officer Diaz's report for details). The passengers entered a white Toyota Sienna van. The vehicle was parked in the paid parking lot located at 701 E. San Ysidro Blvd. The vehicle had a California license plate of [REDACTED]. Officer Diaz provided us an update the van was in motion along 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd.

Officer Ascencio and I drove behind the van and conducted an investigate stop. The vehicle yielded to my lights and sirens at 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd. I approached the driver, later identified as Carlos Alfredo Gomez. I saw two additional occupants in the vehicle.

I asked Carlos to exit the vehicle so we could speak outside. In prior investigative contacts for similar offenses, I've witnessed drivers coaching passengers during the stop on what to say to officers. They often tell them to say they are family, friends, and to lie to police officers. In some cases, these drivers have said these things to passengers in Spanish, not realizing I'm a Spanish speaker. Carlos complied and we spoke on the sidewalk.

I informed Carlos I was conducting an investigative stop. I asked Carlos several questions regarding his passengers. Carlos essentially told me he was transporting them to Los Angeles for \$150.00. Carlos met the passengers today and agreed on the price outside of the McDonalds. Carlos admitted he does not have authority from the State of California for transportation.

# San Diego Police Department

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I returned to the vehicle and spoke to the passenger sitting in the front passenger seat. The male was later identified as Rodrigo Rivas Gomez. The passenger in the backseat was [REDACTED] Gomez is the father of Garcia.

I informed Gomez and Garcia I was investigating charter transportation without authority. Gomez essentially told me they met the driver near McDonalds on the street. The driver agreed to transport them to Los Angeles for \$150.00. Gomez has never met the driver before. The driver approached him and solicited him for the ride.

Based on my investigation, I determined Carlos was in violation of 5411 P.U.C. I notified Public Utilities Commission Investigator Steve Esguerra of my investigation. A few minutes later, Esguerra arrived on scene with other P.U.C. investigators and conducted their investigation.

At approximately 0952 hours, I informed Carlos his vehicle would be impounded for not having the authority to conduct charter rides. PUC investigators spoke to Carlos regarding the incident and the process to retrieve his vehicle. I released Carlos on scene.

I impounded the Toyota Sienna per authority code 14602.9 (b)(1) C.V.C. A Cortes Towing truck arrived on scene and towed the vehicle to 1805 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911. Officer Ascencio submitted a RIPA entry for this incident. I submitted my BWC video related to this incident.

### BACKGROUND:

Southern Division's area of service includes the communities with the two U.S. ports of entry. These ports include the San Ysidro port of entry, which is located at 720 E. San Ysidro Blvd and the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, which is located at 9777 Via De la Amistad.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the San Ysidro Port of entry processed over 6 million pedestrian travelers into the U.S. each year. During each year, over 20 million people driving vehicles entered the U.S.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Otay Mesa Port of entry processed over 2 million pedestrian travelers into the U.S. each year. During each year, over 9 million people driving vehicles entered the U.S.

As a result, the areas around 9000 Vista De La Amistad and 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd are transportation hubs with a constant flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. There are several legitimate modes of transportation in these areas, such as ride share drivers, taxi cabs, charter buses, and bus terminals. These are licensed and permitted companies which are regulated by one or several agencies.

These areas have also attracted unpermitted and unauthorized solicitation of transportation commonly known as wildcatting. Subjects will loiter in high pedestrian areas, such as busy intersections, and illegally solicit transportation, in violation of 654.1 P.C.

The subjects will approach groups of travelers and yell out locations and prices. For example, 'Los Angeles \$30' 'Bakersfield \$40' 'Las Vegas \$70'. A passenger will accept or negotiate the fare. Once a passenger agrees to a fare, the solicitor will escort them to a vehicle which is parked on the street or in a paid parking lot.

The practice of wildcatting is a serious public safety issue for several reasons. The drivers are not being screened for criminal histories, drivers are not being screened for unsafe driving records or license status, vehicles are not being inspected for roadworthiness, no checks on proper insurance requirements, no accountability via documentation of rides or financial records, no recourse for customers in the event of a dispute. The unregulated nature of this activity can lead to misrepresented services or discriminatory practices.

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During my tenure as a Community Relations Officer at Southern Division, I have received over 200 complaints related to wildcatting activity. These complaints range from fare disputes, unfair business practices, harassment, intimidation, and aggressive solicitation.

I've been a peace officer with the San Diego Police Department for over 18 years. I have served all 18 years at Southern Division. I participate in a Border Safety Detail on a weekly basis, which is primarily focused on criminal activity at 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd. I observe wildcatting activity when I'm assigned to the Border Safety Detail.

I have participated in operations specifically targeting wildcatting activity. I have done so in an undercover capacity. The operations resulted in several arrests for 654.1 P.C.

### RELATED REPORTS:

Officer F. Diaz #7288 related officer's report.



# San Diego Police Dept Arrest/Juvenile Contact Report

Case No: 26007981

CAD Event No: E26030001600

Case Disposition: Arrest

Primary Victim: State of California

Report No: 26007981.1

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☒ ARREST REPORT☐ JUVENILE CONTACT REPORTWARRANT: ☐ LOCAL ☐ OUT

## GENERAL CASE INFORMATION

|                                                                                           |                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Primary Charge: 5411 - PU - CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER EMPLOYEE FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS (M) |                                                               |
| Special Studies:                                                                          | Related Cases:                                                |
| Location, City, State, ZIP:<br>700 E San Ysidro Blvd, SAN DIEGO, CA 92173                 |                                                               |
| Jurisdiction:                                                                             | Occured On:<br>03/02/2026 09:27:00 (Monday)<br>(and Between): |
| Beat:<br>714                                                                              | Call Source:<br>Unknown                                       |
| Means:                                                                                    | Motives:                                                      |

## VICTIM/S

## IBR/UCR OFFENSE/S

|                                                                                                   |                |                                                        |           |                   |                          |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Offense Description:<br>5411 - PU - CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER EMPLOYEE FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS (M) |                | Level:<br>M                                            | Acquired: | Completed?<br>Yes | Counts:                  | Using: |
| Location Type:<br>13 - Highway/Road/Alley                                                         |                | Rate/Rate:<br>88 - None (no bias) (mutually exclusive) |           |                   | Domestic Violence:<br>No |        |
| Criminal Activity:                                                                                | True Security: | Guns Related:                                          | Entry:    | Point of Entry:   |                          |        |
| Weapons/Force:                                                                                    | Tools:         | Targets:                                               |           |                   |                          |        |

## ARRESTEE/S

## Arrestee #1

|                                |                                  |                       |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Name:<br>GOMEZ, CARLOS ALFREDO | County Residence:<br>U - Unknown | Interpreter Language: |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|

|                    |  |                   |  |                      |  |                                     |  |                 |  |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| Name Type:         |  | First:            |  | Middle:              |  | Last:                               |  | Suffix:         |  |
| [REDACTED]         |  | [REDACTED]        |  | [REDACTED]           |  | [REDACTED]                          |  | [REDACTED]      |  |
| Race:              |  | Sex:              |  | Date of Birth / Age: |  | Height:                             |  | Weight:         |  |
| H                  |  | M                 |  | 01/28/1945 - 81      |  | 5' 9"                               |  | 170             |  |
| Hair Color:        |  | Eye Color:        |  | Facial Hair:         |  | Complexion:                         |  |                 |  |
| BRO                |  | BRO               |  | 01 - Clean Shaven    |  | MBR - Medium Brown                  |  |                 |  |
| Hair Style:        |  | Hair Length:      |  | Build:               |  | Teeth:                              |  | Suspected User: |  |
| A - Afro/Natural   |  | L - Shoulder      |  | M - Medium           |  |                                     |  |                 |  |
| Employment Status: |  | Occupation/Grade: |  | Employer/School:     |  | Employer Address, City, State, ZIP: |  |                 |  |

## CONTACT INFORMATION

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Type:             | Number/Address: |
| MP - Mobile Phone | [REDACTED]      |

## IDENTIFICATION

|                              |            |        |          |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|----------|
| Type:                        | Number:    | State: | Country: |
| DLN - Drivers License Number | [REDACTED] | CA     | US       |

## SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, COOKIES

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Altra: | Suspect Actions: |
|        |                  |

## ARREST INFORMATION

|                                                                           |                                                    |                                                                                    |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Arrest Type:                                                              | LE Disposition:                                    | JUG 750 Type:                                                                      | Clarion No.: | Booking No.: |
| O - Probable Cause Arrest - New Case                                      | 1 - 849.5 Released (No Charges Filed) (Adult Only) | 3 - Other                                                                          |              |              |
| Arrested For:                                                             | Level:                                             | Completed:                                                                         | Counts:      |              |
| 5411 - PU - CHARTER-PARTY CARRIER EMPLOYEE FAIL TO COMPLY WITH ORDERS (M) | M                                                  | Yes                                                                                |              |              |
| Arrested By:<br>SD6482 - EDINGTON, CARLOS                                 | Arrest Date and Time:<br>03/02/2026 09:30:00       | Arrest Location, City, State, ZIP:<br>700 E. San Ysidro Blvd, San Ysidro, CA 92173 | Beat:<br>714 |              |

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|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Reporting Officer:<br>SD6482 - EDINGTON, CARLOS | Division / Organization:<br>Southern Patrol (Southern) | Reviewed By:<br>SD5737 - MILLAN, TEOPHILSON |
| Report Date:<br>3/2/2026 1:25:41 PM             | Detective Assigned:                                    | Reviewed Date:<br>03/02/2026 15:04:37       |

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Case No: 26007981

CAD Event No.: E26030001600

Case Disposition: Arrest

Primary Victim: State of California

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| Arrest Assisted By:            |                                     | Transported By:                           |                                                  |
| Miranda Read:                  | Admonished By:                      | Miranda Response:                         | Jail Billing Code:<br>SDPD                       |
| Armed With:<br>01 - Unarmed    |                                     | Use of Force to effect Arrest:            |                                                  |
| JUVENILES                      |                                     |                                           |                                                  |
| Adult Present:                 | Person Notified:                    | Juvenile Disposition:                     | Detention Name:                                  |
| Parents Notified By:           | Notification Method:                | Date and Time Notified:                   | Juvenile Released To:                            |
| RELEASE INFORMATION            |                                     |                                           |                                                  |
| Released Location:<br>ON SCENE | Released On:<br>03/02/2026 10:00:00 | Released By:<br>SD6482 - EDINGTON, CARLOS | Release Reason:<br>05 - 849(b)(1) - No Complaint |

SUSPECT/5 (Not Yet Arrested)

WITNESSES

OTHER ENTITIES

## Other Entity #1

|                                          |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Person Code:                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Secured Premise | <input type="checkbox"/> Discovers Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Officer |
| Name:                                    | GOMEZ, RODRIGO RIVAS                     |                                          | Entity Type:<br>OT - Other<br>(Person)   | County Residence:                                |
| ALIAS / AKA / NICKNAME / MONIKER:        |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| Name Type:                               | First:                                   | Middle:                                  | Last:                                    | Suffix:                                          |
| [REDACTED]                               |                                          | Res. Country:<br>US                      | Place of Birth:                          | Undocumented:                                    |
| Race:<br>H                               | Sex:<br>M                                | Date of Birth / Age:<br>07/05/1964 - 61  | Height:<br>5' 8"                         | Weight:<br>200                                   |
| Hair Color:<br>BLK                       | Eye Color:<br>BRO                        | Facial Hair:                             | Complexion:                              |                                                  |
| Employment Status:                       | Occupation/Grade:                        | Employer/School:                         | Employer Address, City, State, ZIP:      |                                                  |
| CONTACT INFORMATION                      |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| Type:<br>MP - Mobile Phone               | Number/Address:<br>[REDACTED]            |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| IDENTIFICATION                           |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| Type:<br>DLN - Drivers License<br>Number | State:<br>CA                             | Country:<br>US                           | Extent of Treatment:                     |                                                  |

## Other Entity #2

|                                               |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Person Code:                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Secured Premise | <input type="checkbox"/> Discovers Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting Party | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement Officer |
| Name:                                         | [REDACTED]                               |                                          | Entity Type:<br>OT - Other<br>(Person)   | County Residence:                                |
| ALIAS / AKA / NICKNAME / MONIKER:             |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| Name Type:                                    | First:                                   | Middle:                                  | Last:                                    | Suffix:                                          |
| Home Address, City, State, ZIP:<br>[REDACTED] |                                          | Res. Country:<br>US                      | Place of Birth:                          | Undocumented:                                    |
| Race:<br>H                                    | Sex:<br>M                                | Date of Birth / Age:<br>11/12/2006 - 19  | Height:<br>5' 11"                        | Weight:<br>180                                   |
| Hair Color:<br>BLK                            | Eye Color:<br>BRO                        | Facial Hair:                             | Complexion:                              |                                                  |
| Employment Status:                            | Occupation/Grade:                        | Employer/School:                         | Employer Address, City, State, ZIP:      |                                                  |
| CONTACT INFORMATION                           |                                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |
| Type:                                         | Number/Address:                          |                                          |                                          |                                                  |

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Primary Victim: State of California

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| IDENTIFICATION   |                     |      |         |
|------------------|---------------------|------|---------|
| Type             | Number              | Date | Country |
| Injury           | Extent of Treatment |      |         |
| PROPERTY         |                     |      |         |
| REPORT NARRATIVE |                     |      |         |

On 03/02/26, at approximately 0927 hours, Officer A. Ascencio #6025 and I were assigned to an enforcement operation targeting individuals providing charter transportation without California Public Commission permits or authority, in violation of 5411 P.U.C. This operation was conducted with the assistance of Public Utilities Commission personnel. We were in full police uniform and driving a marked patrol vehicle.

At approximately 0925 hours, Officer F. Diaz #7288 notified us he had observed a male providing transportation to passengers and it appeared to be a spontaneous solicited ride, commonly referred to as 'wildcatting' (See Officer Diaz's report for details).

The passengers entered a white Toyota Sienna van. The vehicle was parked in the paid parking lot located at 701 E. San Ysidro Blvd. The vehicle had a California license plate of [REDACTED]. Officer Diaz provided us an update the van was in motion along 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd.

Officer Ascencio and I drove behind the van and conducted an investigate stop. The vehicle yielded to my lights and sirens at 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd. I approached the driver, later identified as Carlos Alfredo Gomez. I saw two additional occupants in the vehicle.

I asked Carlos to exit the vehicle so we could speak outside. In prior investigative contacts for similar offenses, I've witnessed drivers coaching passengers during the stop on what to say to officers. They often tell them to say they are family, friends, and to lie to police officers. In some cases, these drivers have said these things to passengers in Spanish, not realizing I'm a Spanish speaker. Carlos complied and we spoke on the sidewalk.

I informed Carlos I was conducting an investigative stop. I asked Carlos several questions regarding his passengers. Carlos essentially told me he was transporting them to Los Angeles for \$150.00. Carlos met the passengers today and agreed on the price outside of the McDonalds. Carlos admitted he does not have authority from the State of California for transportation.

I returned to the vehicle and spoke to the passenger sitting in the front passenger seat. The male was later identified as [REDACTED]. The passenger in the backseat was [REDACTED]. Gomez is the father of Garcia.

I informed Gomez and Garcia I was investigating charter transportation without authority. Gomez essentially told me they met the driver near McDonalds on the street. The driver agreed to transport them

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|                                                                                   | CAD Event No.: <b>E26030001600</b>                                    | Case No.: <b>26007981</b>       |                                        |
|                                                                                   | Primary Victim: <b>State of California</b>                            | Case Disposition: <b>Arrest</b> |                                        |
|                                                                                   |                                                                       | Report No.: <b>26007981.1</b>   |                                        |

to Los Angeles for \$150.00. Gomez has never met the driver before. The driver approached him and solicited him for the ride.

Based on my investigation, I determined Carlos was in violation of 5411 P.U.C. I notified Public Utilities Commission Investigator Steve Esguerra of my investigation. A few minutes later, Esguerra arrived on scene with other P.U.C. investigators and conducted their investigation.

At approximately 0952 hours, I informed Carlos his vehicle would be impounded for not having the authority to conduct charter rides. PUC investigators spoke to Carlos regarding the incident and the process to retrieve his vehicle. I released Carlos on scene.

I impounded the Toyota Sienna per authority code 14602.9 (b)(1) C.V.C. A Cortes Towing truck arrived on scene and towed the vehicle to 1805 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911. Officer Ascencio submitted a RIPA entry for this incident. I submitted my BWC video related to this incident.

#### BACKGROUND:

Southern Division's area of service includes the communities with the two U.S. ports of entry. These ports include the San Ysidro port of entry, which is located at 720 E. San Ysidro Blvd and the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, which is located at 9777 Via De la Amistad.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the San Ysidro Port of entry processed over 6 million pedestrian travelers into the U.S. each year. During each year, over 20 million people driving vehicles entered the U.S.

In 2022, 2023 and 2024, the Otay Mesa Port of entry processed over 2 million pedestrian travelers into the U.S. each year. During each year, over 9 million people driving vehicles entered the U.S.

As a result, the areas around 9000 Vista De La Amistad and 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd are transportation hubs with a constant flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic. There are several legitimate modes of transportation in these areas, such as ride share drivers, taxi cabs, charter buses, and bus terminals. These are licensed and permitted companies which are regulated by one or several agencies.

These areas have also attracted unpermitted and unauthorized solicitation of transportation commonly known as wildcatting. Subjects will loiter in high pedestrian areas, such as busy intersections, and illegally solicit transportation, in violation of 654.1 P.C.

The subjects will approach groups of travelers and yell out locations and prices. For example, 'Los Angeles \$30' 'Bakersfield \$40' 'Las Vegas \$70'. A passenger will accept or negotiate the fare. Once a passenger agrees to a fare, the solicitor will escort them to a vehicle which is parked on the street or in a paid parking lot.

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Primary Victim: **State of California** Case Disposition: **Arrest**  
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The practice of wildcatting is a serious public safety issue for several reasons. The drivers are not being screened for criminal histories, drivers are not being screened for unsafe driving records or license status, vehicles are not being inspected for roadworthiness, no checks on proper insurance requirements, no accountability via documentation of rides or financial records, no recourse for customers in the event of a dispute. The unregulated nature of this activity can lead to misrepresented services or discriminatory practices.

During my tenure as a Community Relations Officer at Southern Division, I have received over 200 complaints related to wildcatting activity. These complaints range from fare disputes, unfair business practices, harassment, intimidation, and aggressive solicitation.

I've been a peace officer with the San Diego Police Department for over 18 years. I have served all 18 years at Southern Division. I participate in a Border Safety Detail on a weekly basis, which is primarily focused on criminal activity at 700 E. San Ysidro Blvd. I observe wildcatting activity when I'm assigned to the Border Safety Detail.

I have participated in operations specifically targeting wildcatting activity. I have done so in an undercover capacity. The operations resulted in several arrests for 654.1 P.C.

**RELATED REPORTS:**

Officer F. Diaz #7288 related officer's report.

Approved by: Sgt T. Millan #5737

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