



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Salyan Rishab



File: Unlicensed
Date: June 26, 2026
Citation: T.2026-06-005
Case: CSE-000992

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited as having violated a section of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code as described below. The violation occurred on June 24, 2026.

- (1) Operated as a Charter-party carrier without an operating authority, in violation of Pub. Util. Code Section 5371. [1 count]

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violation is documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of the 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 16, 2026. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$1,500 pursuant to Pub. Util. Code Section 5378. Submit your payment online via TCP Portal (<https://tcpportal.cpuc.ca.gov/s/login/>) using a credit card, ACH or check. 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 16, 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.

Eric Hooks

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Attachments



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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated June 26, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$1,500.

Salyan Rishab

[Redacted Signature]

(Name)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Payment is to be submitted online via TCP Portal ([Welcome to TCP Portal \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/tcp-portal)) using a credit card, ACH, or check. Payment via credit card is recommended as it provides real-time verification, whereas ACH payments take two days to clear with the bank.

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Salyan Rishab, an Individual

OWNER: Salyan Rishab

AUTHORITY: Unlicensed

MAILING ADDRESS:



PHONE/EMAIL:



VEHICLE: 1 Car

License Plate #: 

VIN¹ #: 

EMPLOYEE-DRIVER: 1

PL&PD²

INSURANCE: None

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
INSURANCE:** None

DRUG CONSORTIUM: None

¹ Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

² Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance (PL&PD)

INTRODUCTION

On June 25, 2026, I was assigned to investigate Salyan Rishab (hereinafter referred to as Rishab) after the vehicle he was operating was impounded by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for operating without a valid authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Rishab for the date of June 24, 2026, and found a violation of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code.

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

On June 24, 2026, Alexander Nera, Enforcement Analyst with the CPUC's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED), Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB), along with CHP Officer Kraft, observed Rishab, identified by California Driver's License [Attachment 1], operating a vehicle bearing license plate [REDACTED] and VIN [REDACTED] [Attachment 2], in the International Terminal Arrivals zone at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

During a commercial vehicle inspection, Officer Kraft reviewed the Transportation Network Company (TNC) application (app) profile associated with the driver and determined that the active driver profile did not match Rishab, who was dropping off a passenger and was paid to conduct a ride via the Lyft app platform [Attachment 3]. This constituted a direct violation of CPUC Decision 13-09-045, specifically Ordering Paragraph 4, which mandates that each TNC driver must complete a background check and be approved before providing services. The decision further defines "providing TNC services" as beginning when the app is opened, meaning only individuals authorized by the CPUC may operate under a TNC platform.

In addition, Rishab's operation of a vehicle for passenger transport without holding CPUC authority violated 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. By using someone else's profile on the app, Rishab bypassed CPUC's required safety vetting and insurance provisions, making him an unauthorized and unlicensed operator.

A records check conducted through the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch (TLAB) confirmed that Rishab has never held operating authority with the CPUC.

As a result, a Cease-and-Desist Notice [**Attachment 4**] and an Inspection Observation Report [**Attachment 5**] were issued to Rishab for operating without CPUC authority. Additionally, Darwin Agar obtained approval from TEB Program and Project Supervisor Eric Hooks to request that Officer Kraft impound the vehicle in accordance with enforcement protocol [**Attachment 6**].

On June 25, 2026, I contacted Rishab at [REDACTED]. During the conversation, I addressed the incident at SFO and instructed him to cease all unauthorized operations until he obtains the required CPUC operating authority and airport permit. I also informed Rishab that a citation would be issued and explained his right to appeal. Rishab confirmed that he understood these instructions. I further informed him that the citation package would be mailed to his mailing address and asked him for a working email, which he provided as [REDACTED]

DECLARATION

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

Executed on June 26, 2026, in Sacramento, California

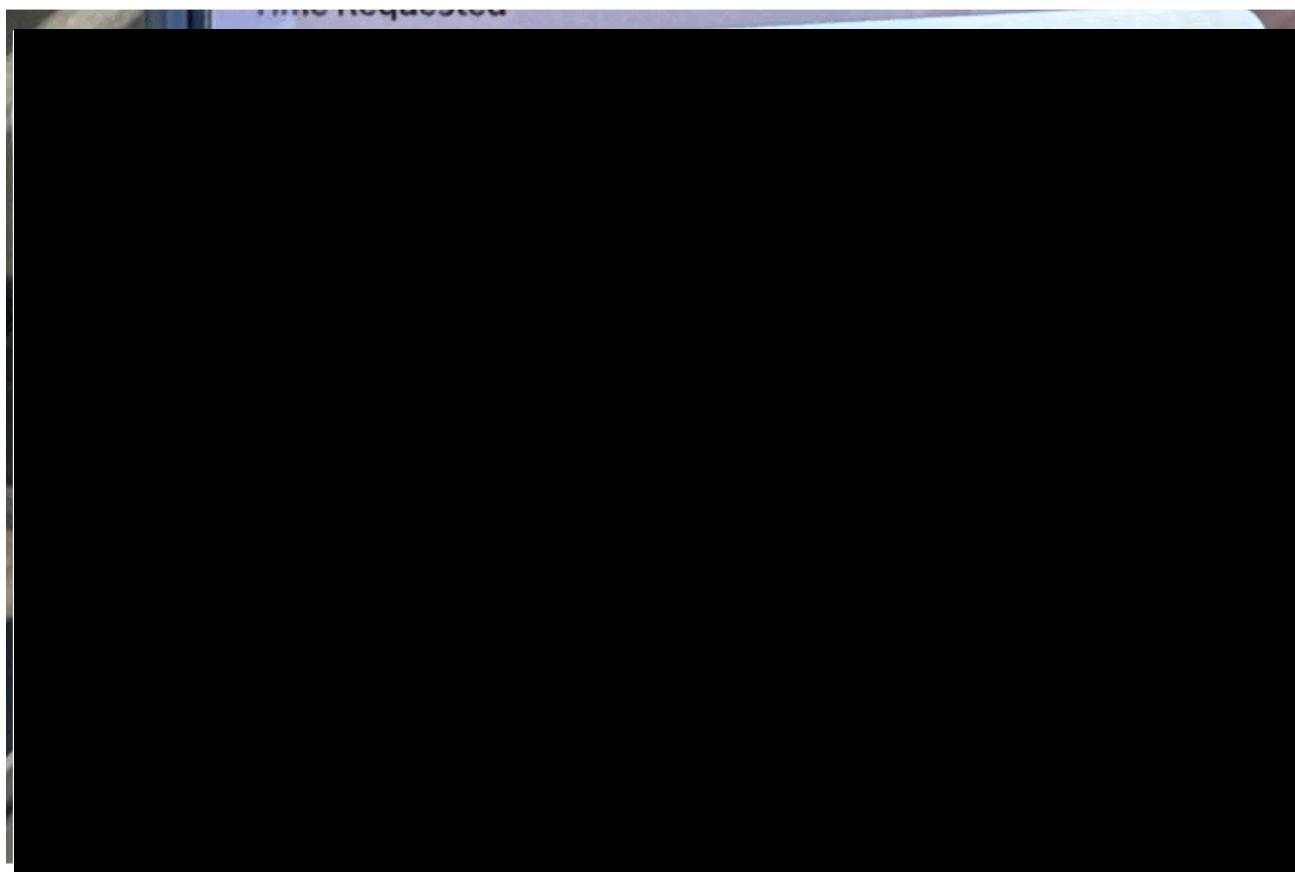
A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alexander Nera", is written over a horizontal line.

Alexander Nera, Enforcement Analyst

INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1. California Driver's License
- Attachment 2. Photo of vehicle License Plate 
- Attachment 3. TNC application profiles and payment
- Attachment 4. Cease and Desist Notice
- Attachment 5. Inspection Observation Report
- Attachment 6. Request for Impound and CHP 180

Attachment 1



Attachment 2





Jun 24, 2026 at 17:48:50
San Francisco CA 94128
United States
SFO Airport Terminal G

Attachment 3

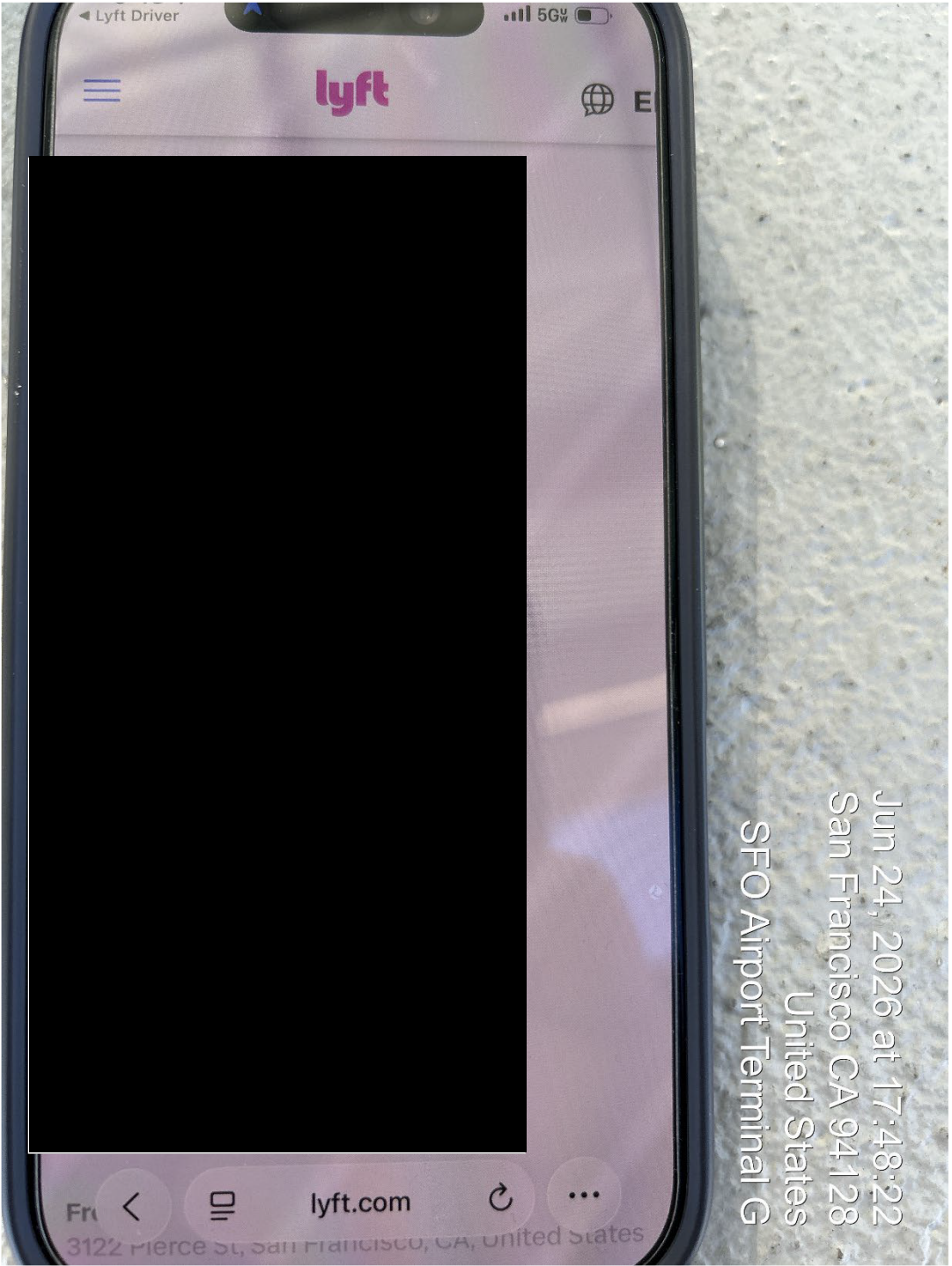
5:48 5G% Lyft Driver

lyft

Authority Status: _____

Waybill:	Yes	No	Photos Required:	Yes	No
Trade Dress:	Yes	No	Partial		

Waybill: Yes No PHOTO
Mon 24, 2026 at 17:48:01
San Francisco CA 94128
United States
SFO Airport Terminal G



Jun 24, 2026 at 17:48:22
San Francisco CA 94128
United States
SFO Airport Terminal G

Attachment 4



NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 6/24/26

Carrier: UNLICENSED CARRIER SALMAN PISHORI

TCP number: _____ Operating Status: _____

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 may result in civil or criminal prosecutions, and possible fines, and possible termination of telephone service.

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 Rishat Title Rishat

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

COMMENTS: operating without authority.

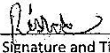
ILLEGAL APP USE.

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more details.

Dan M
Enforcement Analyst Signature

CPUC COPY

Attachment 5

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT			
Location: Airport/Other: <u>SFO</u> (circle one) PSC/TCP/TNC: <u>LYFT</u>		Investigator: _____ Date: <u>6/24/20</u>	
Prime Carrier: _____		Phone#: _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	
Driver: <u>SALYAN RISHAB</u> CDL#: _____ State: <u>CA</u> Class: <u>A</u>			
Address: <u>10464 W. FAIRMONT AVE</u>		City: <u>FRESNO</u> Zip: <u>93723</u>	
Phone: _____ Years w/company: _____		Prime Carrier: _____	
Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: _____ (circle one)			
Comments: _____			
License Plate #: <u>1HRYNVI</u> VIN #: _____		Registration Exp.: <u>2/26/21</u> Seats: <u>05</u>	
Registered Owner: _____		Leased/Owned _____	
(circle one)			
Address: <u>10464 W. FAIRMONT AVE</u>			
City: <u>FRESNO</u>		Zip: <u>93723</u> Phone: <u>347 355 6937</u>	
Violation(s):			
Vehicle:	☐ TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper ☐ Vehicle not listed with PUC ☐ PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle* *exempt for vehicles < 15 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days		
Waybill:	☐ No Trade Dress ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ Carrier's name not on side of vehicle* ☐ 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: <u>5371 OPERATION W/OUT AUTHORITY</u>			
<u>ILLEGAL APP USE</u>			
<u>RISHAB SALYAN @ Gmail.com</u>			
NO SIGNATURE		 Signature and Title CPUC COPY	

Attachment 6



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Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of vehicle (including driver): 05

Indicate number of passengers (including driver): 0

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: Darwin Aguirre #1010

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:

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: RAFT

Allied Agency Case Number: _____

Date: 6/24/24

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

CPLUC Impound - Hold for 30 DAYS

VEHICLE REPORT

CHP 180 (Rev. 4-16) OPI 061

NOTE: CHP 180 IS FURNISHED TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

REPORTING DEPARTMENT: CHP - SAN FRANCISCO LOCATION CODE: 9335 DATE / TIME OF REPORT: 6-24-2017 1821 NOTICE OF STORED VEHICLE DELIVERED PERSONALLY: ☐ FILE NO.:
LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM: SFO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ODOMETER READING: 627,6 VIN CLEAR IN SVS? ☒ YES ☐ NO DATE / TIME DISPATCH NOTIFIED: 6-24-2017 2054 LOG NO.: 1507
YEAR: 22 MAKE: HONDA MODEL: ACCORD BODY TYPE: 4-DOOR COLOR: BLUE ☐ ONE MONTH YEAR ☒ TWO 02/2017 STATE: CA
ENGINE NO.: [REDACTED] VALUATION BY: ☐ OFFICER ☐ OWNER
☐ 0-500 ☐ 501-4000 ☐ 4001+ ☐ \$

TRANSFERRED OFFICER: [REDACTED] SAME AS R/O: ☐ LEGAL OWNER: [REDACTED]
☐ STORED ☒ IMPOUNDED ☐ RELEASED ☐ RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT

TOWING / STORAGE CONCERN (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE): Atlas Towing, 55 WAPOLLEN ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94124 STORAGE AUTHORITY / REASON: 14602.9 VC
REASON FOR STOP: 906-300-5166 AIRBAG? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ 1 ☒ 2 DRIVEABLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ JUNK ☐ UNK VIN SWITCHED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

CONDITION	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	TIRES	WHEELS	CONDITION
WRECKED			SEAT (FRONT)			REGISTRATION			CAMPER			LEFT FRONT		1.5" RTR
BURNED HULK per 431(c) CVC			SEAT (REAR)			ALT. / GENERATOR			VESSEL AS LOAD			RIGHT FRONT		
VANDALIZED			RADIO			BATTERY			FIREARMS			LEFT REAR		
ENG. / TRANS. STRIP			TAPE DECK			DIFFERENTIAL			OTHER			RIGHT REAR		FAIR
MISC. PARTS STRIP			TAPES			TRANSMISSION						SARE		WENT
BODY METAL STRIP			OTHER RADIO			AUTOMATIC						HUB CAPS		STUCK
SURGICAL STRIP per 431(b) CVC			IGNITION KEY			MANUAL						SPECIAL WHEELS		STUCK

RELEASE VEHICLE TO: ☐ R/O OR AGENT ☒ AGENCY HOLD ☐ 22850.3 CVC GARAGE PRINCIPAL / AGENT STORING VEHICLE (SIGNATURE): CROOKS NOTAS DATE / TIME: 6/24/1831
NAME OF PERSON / AGENCY AUTHORIZING RELEASE: THRU CHP ONLY I.D. NO.: DATE: 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 AUTHORIZING RELEASE: 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. SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING REPORT:

REMARKS
[LIST PROPERTY, TOOLS, VEHICLE DAMAGE, ARRESTS]
ARRESTED / SECTION? ☐ YES ☒ NO REPORTED BY: GG-C205 CARGO / TYPE? ☐ YES ☒ NO VALUE \$:
☐ BILL OF LADING ATTACHED

D's 360° PHOTO, DENTED / SCRATCHED LP FENDER, DENTED / SCRATCHED LR DOOR, SCRATCHED RR DOOR, SCRATCHED / SCRATCHED FRONT BUMPER, ALL 4 WHEELS SCRATCHED, DENTED / SCRATCHED RP FENDER, MISC DENTS / SCRATCHES ALL SURFACES.
P. SAMSUNG BIX-WISE CELL PHONE NO S/N LOCATED, MISC PAPERS, WIRE ELECTRONIC CHARGER, NO OTHER ITEMS OF VALUE NOTED OR CHARGED.
R. LEFT VEH STOPPED BY CPLUC DRIVER APP SHARING. DRIVER WAS DEACTIVATED BY LEFT.

FRONT LEFT SIDE RIGHT SIDE REAR TOP
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT: G. KRAFT I.D. NO.: 20534 SUPERVISOR: KNOW REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED: ☐ YES ☐ NO DATE NOTIFIED:
AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC7: ☐ YES ☐ NO