



Public Utilities Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Tarcis Joaquim De Lima



File: TCP-Unlicensed
Citation #: T.2026-06-009
Date: June 26, 2026
Case #: CSE-000991

VIOLATIONS

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

- 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 an 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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Transportation Enforcement Branch
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Attachments

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CARRIER: Tarcis Joaquim De Lima, an Individual

OWNER: Tarcis Joaquim De Lima

AUTHORITY: Unlicensed

MAILING ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

PHONE/EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

VEHICLE[S]:

1 Car

License Plate #:

[REDACTED]

VIN¹ #:

[REDACTED]

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 Tarcis Joaquim De Lima (hereinafter referred to as Tarcis) after the vehicle he was operating was impounded by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Tam for operating without a valid authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

VIOLATIONS

I investigated Tarcis 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, Manal Antabli (Manal), Enforcement Analyst with the CPUC's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED), Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB), along with CHP Officer Tam, observed Tarcis, identified by California Driver's License [Attachment 1], operating a vehicle bearing license plate [REDACTED] (VIN [REDACTED] [Attachment 2], at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

During a commercial vehicle inspection, Officer Tam reviewed the Transportation Network Company (TNC) application (app) profile associated with the driver and determined that the active driver profile did not match Tarcis, 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, Tarcis'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, Tarcis 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 Tarcis has never held operating authority with the CPUC.

As a result, a Cease-and-Desist Notice (C&D) [**Attachment 4**] and an Inspection Observation Report (IOR) [**Attachment 5**] were issued to Tarcis for operating without CPUC authority. Additionally, Manal obtained approval from the TEB Program and Project Supervisor Eric Hooks to request that Officer Tam impound the vehicle in accordance with enforcement protocol [**Attachment 6**].

On June 24, 2026, Manal provided copies and explained to Tarcis about the C&D and IOR documents. During the conversation, Manal instructed Tarcis to cease all unauthorized operations until he obtains the required CPUC operating authority and airport permit. Manal also informed Tarcis that a citation would be issued and explained his right to appeal. Tarcis confirmed that he understood these instructions. Manal further informed him that the citation package would be mailed to his mailing address and asked him for a working email address, which he provided as [REDACTED].

On June 25, 2026, Manal responded by email to Tarcis' recent email and voicemail inquiries regarding his vehicle. The email advised that the citation would be mailed to his mailing address and instructed that, after payment was confirmed, he could contact the CHP to request release of his impounded vehicle [**Attachment 7**].

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 Los Angeles, California

Yasmine Shah

Print Name, Enforcement Analyst

INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS

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- Attachment 2. Photo of Vehicle License Plate # 
- Attachment 3. TNC Application Profiles and Waybill
- Attachment 4. Cease and Desist Notice
- Attachment 5. Inspection Observation Report
- Attachment 6. Request for Impound and CHP 180
- Attachment 7. June 25, 2026, Email Correspondence

Attachment 1

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

VALIDATED REGISTRATION CARD

LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED]	REGISTRATION VALID FROM 07/08/2025 TO 07/08/2026	TYPE T1	TYPE VEHICLE USE AUTO	ENGINE NUMBER	MISC [REDACTED]
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER [REDACTED]	MAKE FORD	VLF CLASS CZ	YR 2024	YR MODEL 2018	DATE ISSUED 07/06/2025
BODY TYPE 4D	MP Q	AX WC	UNLADEN / G / CGW	TYPE VEH 12	CC/ALCO 41/
TOTAL FEES PAID \$291			[REDACTED]		

LIENHOLDER
WESTLAKE FNCL SVCS

REGISTERED OWNER
JOAQUIM DE LIMA MARCIS

[REDACTED]



Registration Fee:
Credit Card Service Fee:
Payment Total:
Account Type:
Transaction Number:
DMV Authorization Number:
Credit Card Authorization Number:

VEHICLES:
In Top Right Corner

MOTORCYCLES ONLY:
Right Half of This Well

STICKER INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) CLEAN SURFACE - SCRAPE OFF ACCUMULATED STICKERS (WILL NOT STICK IF WET OR DIRTY).
- 2) REMOVE DECAL BY BENDING PAPER ALONG DOTTED LINE.
- 3) LIFT EDGE OF DECAL AND SLOWLY PEEL.
- 4) PLACE STICKER ON REAR PLATE AS SHOWN BELOW.

California DRIVER LICENSE

EXPIRATION DATE: 07/20/2026

LN DE LIMA

FN TARCIS JOAQUIM

CLASS C

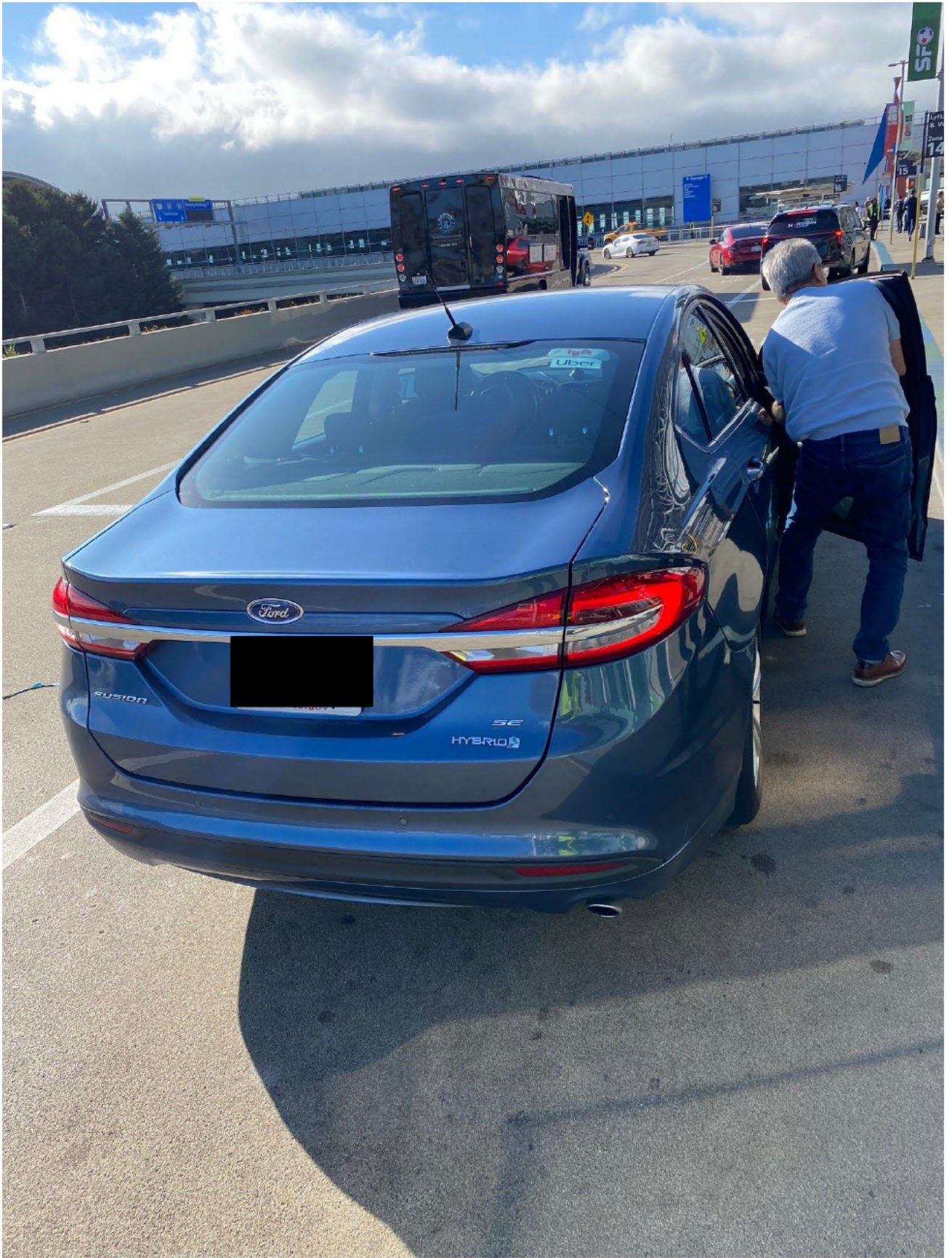
END NONE

FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY

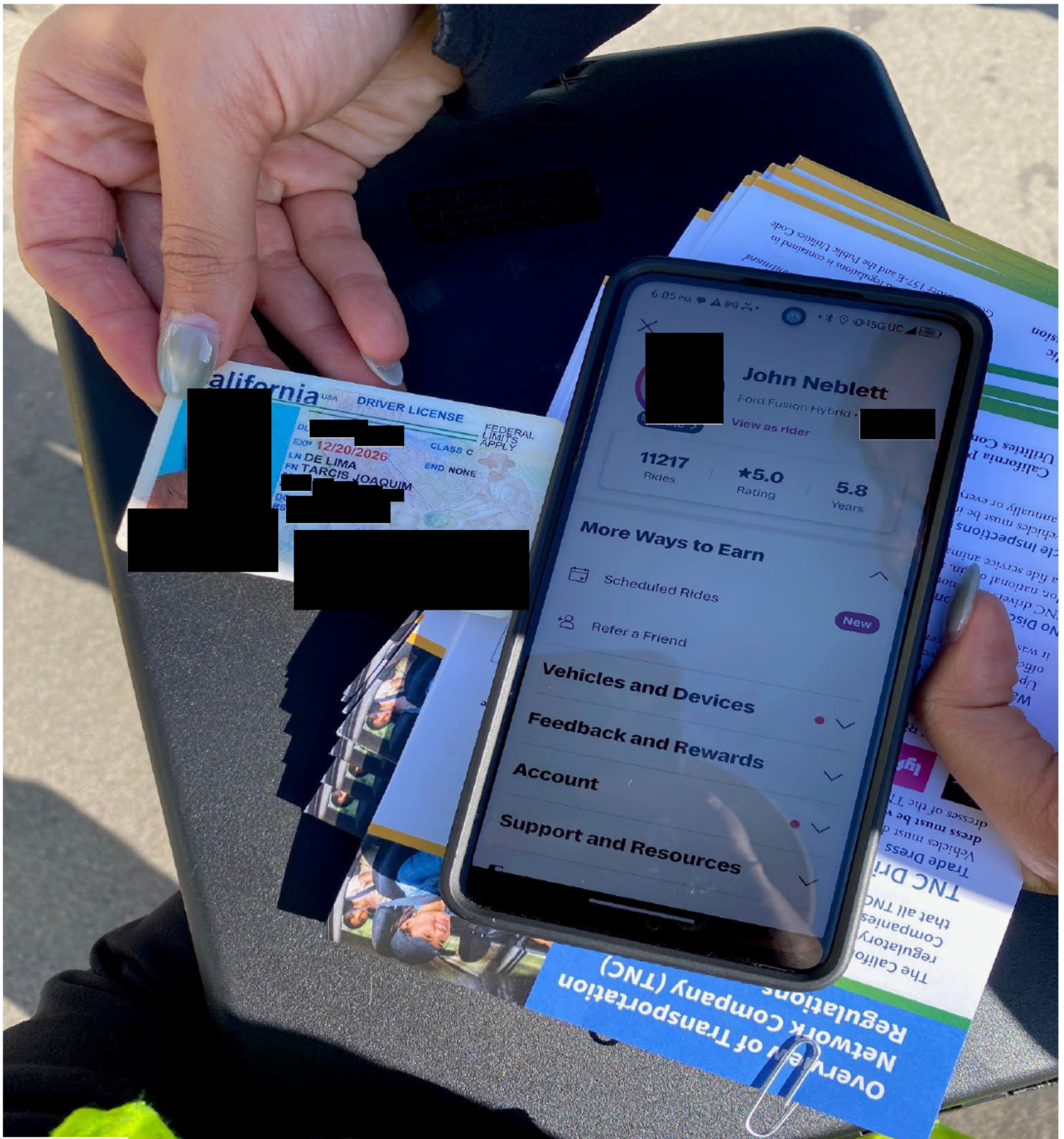
[REDACTED]

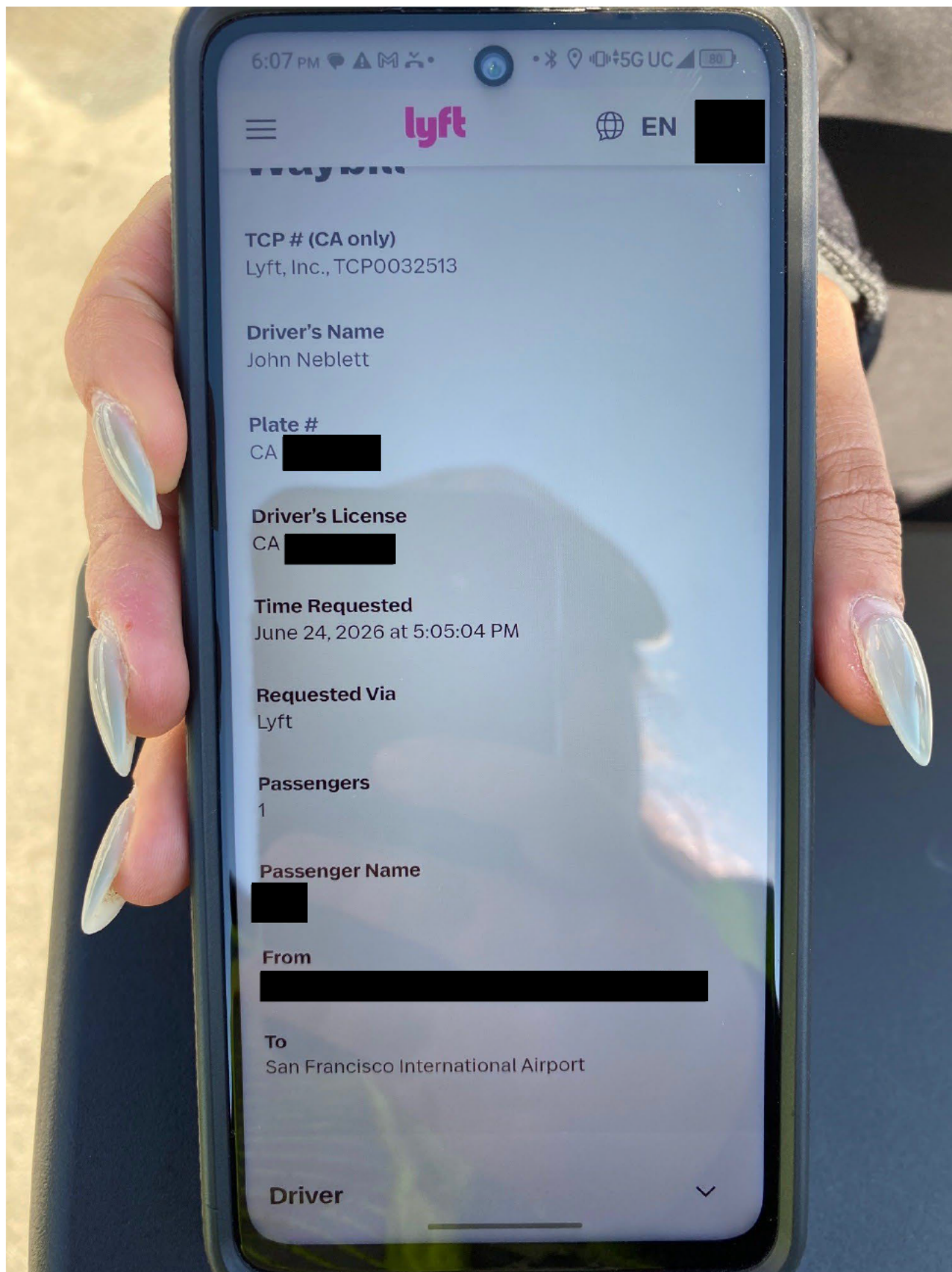
Attachment 2





Attachment 3





Attachment 4



NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 6/24/24

Carrier: Jarvis Joagum De Lima

TCP number: OPWDP 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 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

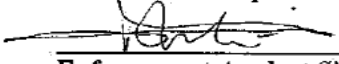
Section 1037 (PSC) - **Circle One**

Title NOT RESPONSIBLE

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

COMMENTS: Operating on the Lyft application of John Neblett.
Person operating for the trip is Jarvis Joagum De Lima.

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more details.


Enforcement Analyst Signature

CPUC COPY

Attachment 5

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT

Location: Airport/Other: SFO PSC/TCP (TNC) LIFT Investigator: ASTABU Date: 06.24.26
(circle one)
Prime Carrier: TARCIS JOAQUIM DE LIMA Phone#: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED]
Driver: TARCIS JOAQUIM DE LIMA CDL#: [REDACTED] State: CA Class: C
Address: Same City: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED] Years w/company: — Prime Carrier: —
Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ (Other) Driver
Commer: [REDACTED]
License Plate #: [REDACTED] VIN #: [REDACTED] Registration Exp.: 07/2026 Seats: 5
Registered Owner: TARCIS JOAQUIM DE LIMA Leased/Owned
Address: Same (circle one)

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 < 15 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: Operating on the lift application of John Neblett.
Person operating for the trip is Tarcis Joaquim De Lima.

Signature and Title
CPUC COPY

Attachment 6

Public Utilities Commission STATE OF CALIFORNIA Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of the vehicle (including driver): 5

Indicate the number of passengers (including driver): 2

One of the following is required:

- ☒ No TCP permit or certificate issued
- ☐ TCP/PSC: _____ (circle one) 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 PUC Enforcement Analyst requesting impound: Manal Antabli
Impound approved by EH2

Charge one of the following:

- ☒ CPUC 5411/1037 ref CPUC (5371)1031 - Misdemeanor/Unlawful to operate without proper PUC operating authority.
- ☐ CPUC 5411/1037 ref CPUC 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:
Manal Antabli

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: Officer Tam

Allied Agency Case Number: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/24/26

Reason for stop and additional notes on back of this form.
Attach this form to CHP 180

VEHICLE REPORT

CHP 180 (Rev. 4-16) OPI 061

HOLD FOR 30 DAYS A11446

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 6/24/26/1820	NOTICE OF STORED VEHICLE DELIVERED PERSONALLY ☐	FILE NO.									
LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO INTL AIRPORT INTL DEPART 187933		ODOMETER READING 187933	VIN CLEAR IN SVS? ☒ YES ☐ NO LIC. CLEAR IN SVS? ☒ YES ☐ NO	DATE / TIME DISPATCH NOTIFIED 6/24/26/2054	LOG NO. 1507									
YEAR 2018	MAKE FORD	MODEL FUSION	BODY TYPE 4DR.	COLOR BLUE	ONE ☐ TWO ☒									
REGISTERED OWNER JOAQUIM DE LIMA TARCIS			ENGINE NO.	VALUATION BY ☒ OFFICER ☐ OWNER	STATE CA									
				☐ 0-500 ☐ 501-4000 ☒ 4001+										
☐ STORED ☒ IMPOUNDED ☐ RELEASED ☐ RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT														
TOWING / STORAGE CONCERN (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE) ATLAS TOWING 55 NAPOLEON ST. SAN FRANCISCO CA 94124				STORAGE AUTHORITY / REASON 1-800-380-5166 14029-CPUC										
REASON FOR STOP CPUC CHECK		AIRBAG? ☒ YES ☐ NO	DRIVEABLE? ☒ YES ☐ NO	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	FAIR
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	
MISC. PARTS STRIP				TAPES			TRANSMISSION						SPARE	YES
BODY METAL STRIP				OTHER RADIO	☒		AUTOMATIC						HUB CAPS	NO
SURGICAL STRIP per 431(b) CVC				IGNITION KEY	☒		MANUAL						SPECIAL WHEELS	I
RELEASE VEHICLE TO: ☐ R/O OR AGENT ☒ AGENCY HOLD ☐ 22850.3 CVC		THRU CHP ONLY			GARAGE PRINCIPAL / AGENT STORING VEHICLE (SIGNATURE) ATLAS			DATE / TIME 6/24/1927						
NAME OF PERSON / AGENCY AUTHORIZING RELEASE		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-C202		CARGO / TYPE? ☐ YES ☒ NO		VALUE \$		BILL OF LADING ATTACHED						
DAMAGE: FRONT BUMPER PAINT CHIPPED, MINOR DENTS/DINGS/SCRATCHES 360°														
PROPERTY: FACE MASK, MISC PAPERS, TOWELS, KNIFE, WRENCH, TAP, CAMEL CIGAR BAG W WATER, NO OTHER ITEMS OF VALUE NOTED OR CARRIED.														
FRONT		LEFT SIDE		RIGHT SIDE		REAR		TOP						
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT TAM		SUPERVISOR K...		REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC? ☐ YES ☒ NO		DATE NOTIFIED								

An Internationally Accredited Agency

Chp180_0418.pdf

Attachment 7

From: Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2026 4:17 PM

To: tarcis lima [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for Towed Vehicle Location- License Plate [REDACTED]

Hello Mr. Tarcis Joaquim de Lima,

I received your email and voicemail. Please see the information below regarding your citation and vehicle inquiries:

1. You can expect to receive your citation by email by tomorrow, Friday, June 26, 2026. A hard copy will also be sent to you by certified mail.
2. The citation will be served by a CPUC Enforcement Analyst from our team.
3. After the citation payment has been received, processed, and confirmed, CHP can be contacted regarding your vehicle.

Please advise if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Manal Antabli

Public Utilities Regulatory Analyst III

Consumer Protection & Enforcement Division

California Public Utilities Commission

O 213-248-0979

www.cpuc.ca.gov | Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov

From: tarcis lima <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2026 11:04 AM

To: Antabli, Manal <Manal.Antabli@cpuc.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Towed Vehicle Location- License Plate [REDACTED]

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello Ms. Antabli,

My name is Tarcis Joaquim de Lima. My vehicle was towed following the inspection at SFO on June 24, 2026, and I was instructed to contact you for more information.

Could you please let me know where my vehicle was taken, including the name, address, and phone number of the towing company?

Could you also please tell me what documents I need to provide and what steps I need to follow to retrieve the vehicle?

Vehicle license plate: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

Tarcis Joaquim de Lima

Phone: [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have on this day served the following documents on

Tarcis De Lima

Unlicensed

Case # CSE-000991

1. Administrative Citation T.2026-06-009
2. Citation Compliance Agreement
3. Investigation Report and Attachments
4. How to File an Appeal
5. Notice of Appeal Form and Certificates of Service Form (from Resolution ALJ-377)
6. Resolution ALJ-187
7. Certificate of Service

Date: June 26, 2026

Yasmine Shah

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TEB Enforcement Analyst