



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Antonio Matheus Marques de Souza  
[REDACTED]

File: Unlicensed  
Date: July 25, 2025  
Citation: T.2025-07-011  
Case: CSE-000615

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated a section of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. The violation occurred on July 23, 2025.

- (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 August 15, 2025. 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 check or money order payable to CPUC 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 August 15, 2025, 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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Eric Hooks  
Program and Project Supervisor  
Transportation Enforcement Branch  
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Attachments

## INVESTIGATION REPORT

**CARRIER:** Antonio M. Marques de Souza, an Individual

**OWNER:** Antonio M. Marques de Souza

**AUTHORITY:** None (Unlicensed)

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

[REDACTED]

**PHONE/EMAIL:**

[REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

**VEHICLE:**

1 Car

License Plate:

[REDACTED]

VIN:

[REDACTED]

**EMPLOYEE-DRIVER:** 1

**PL&PD<sup>1</sup>**

**INSURANCE:** None

**WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION  
INSURANCE:**

None

**DRUG CONSORTIUM:** None

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<sup>1</sup> Public Liability and Property Damage (PL&PD)

## INTRODUCTION

On July 24, 2025, I was assigned to investigate Antonio Matheus Marques de Souza (hereinafter referred to as Marques de Souza) 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) on July 23, 2025.

## VIOLATION

I investigated Marques de Souza for the period of July 23, 2025, 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 July 23, 2025, Alex Nera, Senior Enforcement Analyst with the CPUC's Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division (CPED), Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB), along with (CHP Officer [REDACTED]), observed Marques de Souza, identified via California Driver's License [Attachment 1], operating a vehicle bearing license plate [REDACTED] and VIN # [REDACTED] [Attachment 2], in the international departure zone at San Francisco International Airport (SFO).

During a commercial vehicle inspection, I reviewed the Transportation Network Company (TNC) application (app) profile associated with the driver and determined that the active driver profile did not match Marques de Souza, who was dropping off a passenger via the Uber 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, Marques de Souza'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, Marques de Souza bypassed CPUC's required safety vetting and insurance provisions, making him an unauthorized and unlicensed operator.

A records check conducted through the Transportation and Licensing Analysis Branch (TLAB) confirmed that Marques de Souza has never held operating authority with the CPUC. Accordingly, this activity also violated Public Utilities Code §5371, which prohibits any entity or individual from engaging in for-hire transportation without CPUC authorization.

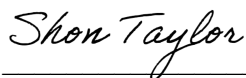
As a result, a Cease-and-Desist Notice **[Attachment 4]** and an Inspection Observation Report **[Attachment 5]** were issued to Marques de Souza for operating without CPUC authority. Additionally, Alex Nera obtained approval from TEB Program & Project Supervisor, Eric Hooks, to request that Officer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

On July 24, 2025, Marques de Souza sent an inquiring email regarding the incident from the previous day and wanted some information on how to get his vehicle back. Alex responded to the email advising of the process and steps to follow once a citation has been sent as well as his right to appeal.

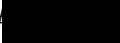
### **DECLARATION**

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 July 25, 2025  
at Los Angeles, California  
Shon Taylor, Senior Enforcement Analyst

  
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Shon Taylor

## **INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS**

- Attachment 1. California Driver's License
- Attachment 2. Photo License Plate # 
- Attachment 3. TNC Application Profile Photo
- Attachment 4. Cease and Desist Notice
- Attachment 5. Inspection Observation Report
- Attachment 6. Request for Impound and CHP 180

# Attachment 1



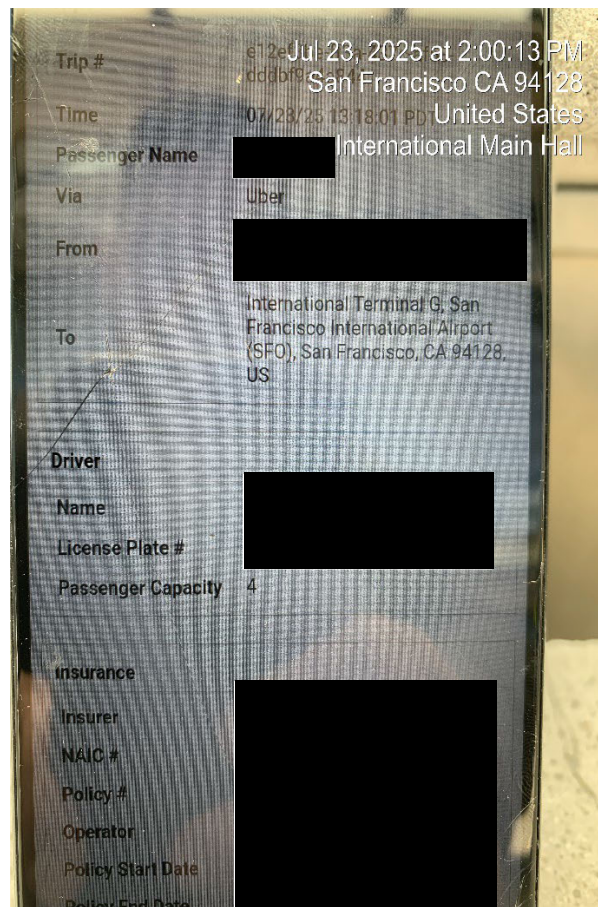
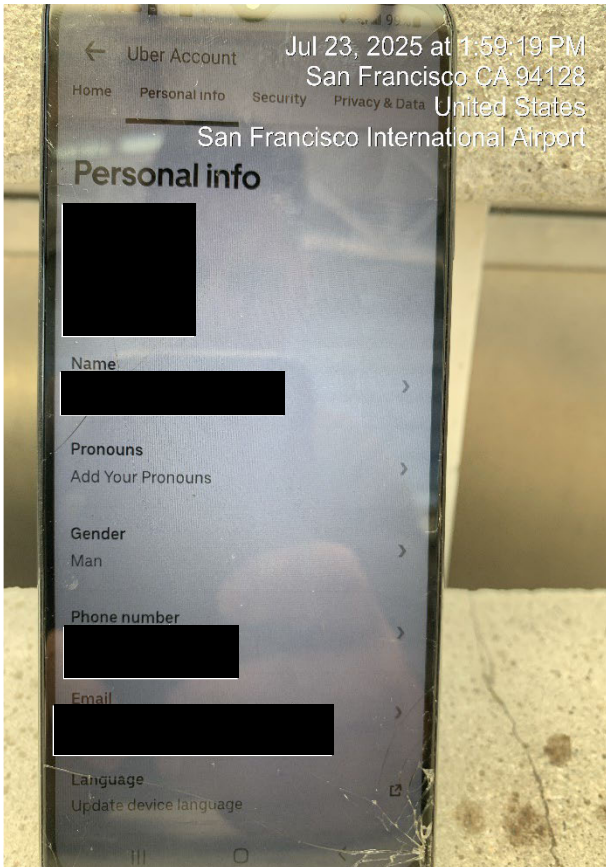


# Attachment 2





# Attachment 3



# Attachment 4



## NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 7/23/2025  
Carrier: Antonie Mathews Marques de Souza  
TCP number, if any \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Status: illegal app sharing

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

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

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

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



### OPERATION WITHOUT AUTHORITY

Public Utilities Code Sections 5371 and 5387 (TCP)/Section 1031 (PSC). - Circle One

### ☐ OPERATION AFTER: SUSPENSION/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 [Signature] TITLE Driver

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

COMMENTS: Driver dropped off at international airport (SFO)

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.

[Signature]  
Enforcement Analyst Signature

CPUC COPY

# Attachment 5

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT			
Location: Airport/Other: <u>SFO</u>		PSC/TCP/TNC: <u>Uber</u>	Date: <u>7/23/2025</u>
Prime Carrier: <u>Uber</u>		Investigator: <u>Michael Zolas</u>	
Address: [REDACTED]		City: [REDACTED]	Zip: [REDACTED]
Driver: <u>Antonio Mathews Marques de Souza</u>		CDL# [REDACTED]	
Address: [REDACTED]			
Phone: [REDACTED]			
Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: <u>illegal app use</u>			
Comments: [REDACTED]			
License Plate # [REDACTED]		VIN #: [REDACTED]	Registration Exp: [REDACTED] Seats: [REDACTED]
Registered Owner: <u>Marques de Souza Antonio</u>		Leased/Owned (Circle one)	
[REDACTED]		Phone: [REDACTED]	
Violation(s):			
Vehicle:	<input type="checkbox"/> TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle not listed with PUC <input type="checkbox"/> PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle* <input type="checkbox"/> No Trade Dress <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> Carrier's name not on side of vehicle*		
Waybill:	<input type="checkbox"/> No waybill <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Name <input type="checkbox"/> No. of person in group <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation arranged by phone or written contract <input type="checkbox"/> Name of at least 1 passenger in traveling party or identification of traveling party's affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Carrier Name /TCP# <input type="checkbox"/> Time/Date Charter arranged <input type="checkbox"/> Name/address of persons arranging charter <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle License Plate # <input type="checkbox"/> Origin/Destination		
TNC OPS:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Trade Dress <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Profile Non-Match <input type="checkbox"/> Lack Proof of Prearranged Ride <input type="checkbox"/> Non-State CDL <input type="checkbox"/> No Airport Permit		
Violation(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, as noted above and in comments below <input type="checkbox"/> No Violation			
Law Enforcement Citation No.: [REDACTED]			
Comments: <u>Driver observed operating at SFO using illegal app.</u>			
[REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
Signature and Title			
Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines			

# 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): 1

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: Deborah K. W.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Allied Agency Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6-18-2025

**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 ♦♦

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

REPORTING DEPARTMENT

CHP - SAN FRANCISCO

LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM

SFO AIRPORT INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL

DELIVERED PERSONALLY

VIN CLEAR IN SVS?

UC

NO

Unit / 1, \ 'Z, \ -; 0 172.:

SIGNATURE OF PERSON AUTHORIZING RELEASE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING POSSESSION

0 STOLEN VEHICLE/ COMPONENT

0 EMBEZZLED VEHICLE

0 PLATE(S) REPORT

DATE /TIME OF OCCURRENCE

DATE/ TIME REPORTED

NAME OF REPORTING PARTY (RIP)

DRIVER LICENSE NO./ STATE

LAST DRIVER OF VEHICLE

DATE/TIME

ADDRESS OF RP

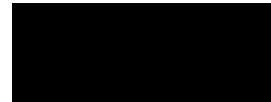
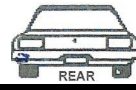
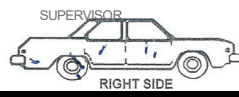
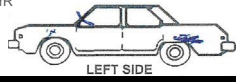
TELEPHONE OF RIP

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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

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING







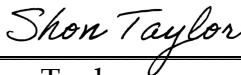
## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

**Antonio M. Marques de Souza**  
**TCP/TNC Unlicensed**  
**Case # CSE-000615**

1. Administrative Citation T.2025-07-011
2. Citation Compliance Agreement
3. Investigation Report and Attachments
4. Credit/Debit Card Authorization Form
5. How to File an Appeal
6. Notice of Appeal Form and Certificates of Service Form (from Resolution ALJ-377)
7. Resolution ALJ-187
8. Certificate of Service

Date: July 25, 2025

  
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Shon Taylor  
TEB Senior Enforcement Analyst