

Public Utilities Commission STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Hermida, LLC

File: TCP 40141-A

Date: July 30, 2025

Citation #: T.2025-07-014

Case #: CSE-409

VIOLATIONS

You are hereby cited with having violated section(s) of the Public Utilities Code (P.U. Code) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) as described below. This violation occurred on February 8, 2025.

(1) Failed to provide a waybill in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5389, 5411, and General Order 157-E, Parts 3.01, 11.15, and 11.16 [1 count].

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above violations are documented in the attached Investigation Report, which consists of 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 19, 2025. By way of such answer, you may either:

- (1) Pay a fine of \$1,000 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 August 19, 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.

Rahmon Momoh

Rahmon Momoh, Program and Project Supervisor Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division Transportation Enforcement Branch Telephone number (415) 703-1725

E-mail address rahmon.momoh@cpuc.ca.gov

Attachments

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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated July 30, 2025, and herewith pay the fine of \$1,000.00.

Payment (cashier's 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: Hermida, LLC

OFFICER: Jesus Hermida-Cruz, CEO

AUTHORITY: TCP 40141-A

ADDRESS:

PHONE/EMAIL:

VEHICLES: 17

DRIVERS: 21

PL&PD

INSURANCE:

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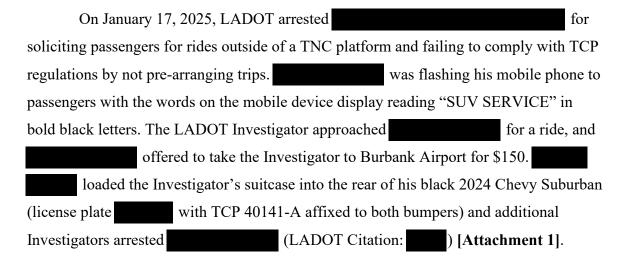
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INTRODUCTION

On February 8, 2025, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at the Ports America Joint Field Operation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Los Angeles Port Police. On February 24, 2025, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Hermida, LLC.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT



VIOLATION

The investigation for February 8, 2025, through April 22, 2025, disclosed violations of the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

• Failed to provide a copy of a waybill in violation of Pub. Util. Code Sections 5389, 5411, and General Order 157-E, Parts 3.01, 11.15, and 11.16 [1 count].

On February 8, 2025, Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) staff were conducting a safety compliance inspection at the Ports America Joint Field Operation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Los Angeles Port Police. TEB and LADOT staff observed operating with passengers in his black 2024 Chevy Suburban (license plate with TCP 40141-A affixed to

both bumpers), but when LADOT staff requested a copy of his Uber waybill, refused to provide it to them [Attachment 2].

DECLARATION

I have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof. 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 July 30, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.
Steve Esquerra
Steve Esguerra, TEB Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

- Attachment 1 -- LADOT Arrest report and Citation (1/17/2025)
- Attachment 2 -- LADOT Complaints (1/17/2025 and 2/8/2025)

ATTACHMENT 1

LADOT Arrest, Citation and Report

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CITY OF LOS ANGELES PLAINTIFF, CASE NO.

vs.

DECLARATION MADE UNDER C.C.P. SECTION 2015.5 IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT

DEFENDANT

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES:

THAT I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS AN TRANSPORTATION INVESTIGATOR

AND HAVE BEEN SO EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THIS INVESTIGATION. THAT PURSUANT

TO MY EMPLOYMENT I INVESTIGATED ALLEGATIONS THAT

DID VIOLATE LAMC 71.02(a), LAMC 71.03(d).

THAT PURSUANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION, I CONTACTED WITNESSES AND OBTAINED ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATEMENTS CONCERNING SAID ALLEGED CRIMES, WHICH WRITTEN REPORTS AND STATEMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN A REPORT CONSISTING OF MULTIPLE PAGES, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

EXECUTED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON:



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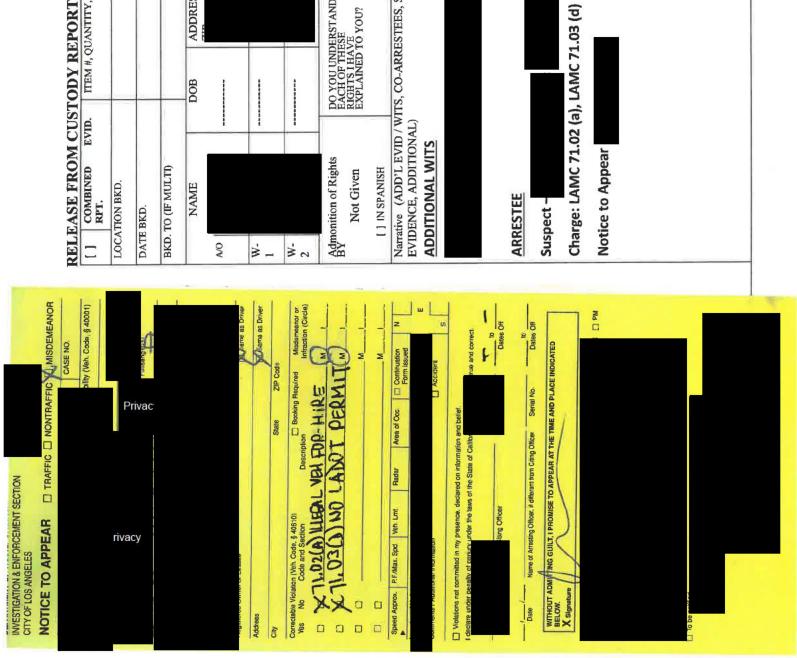


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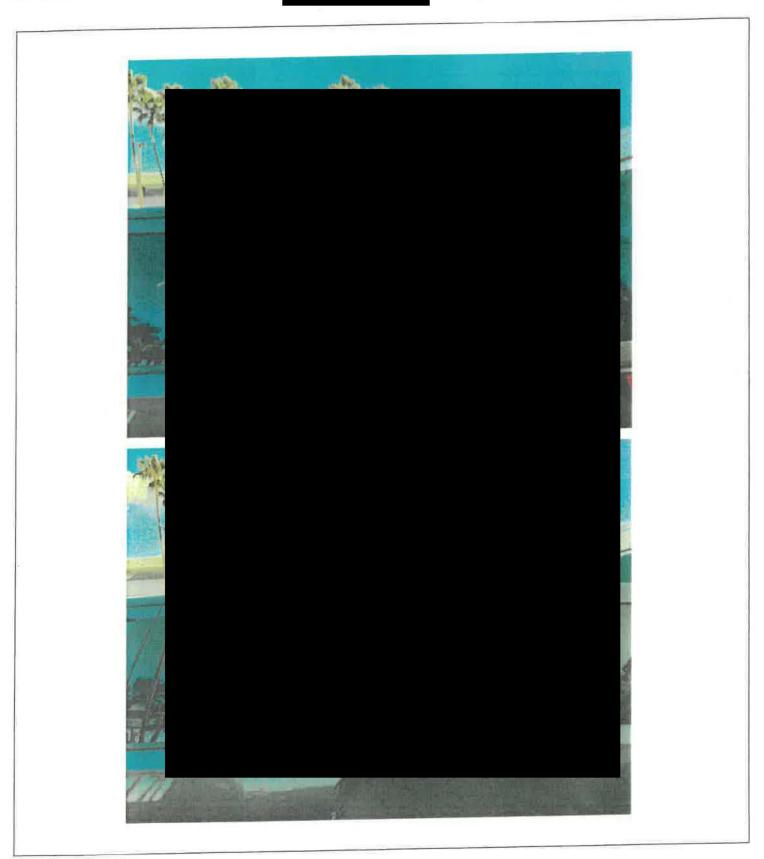
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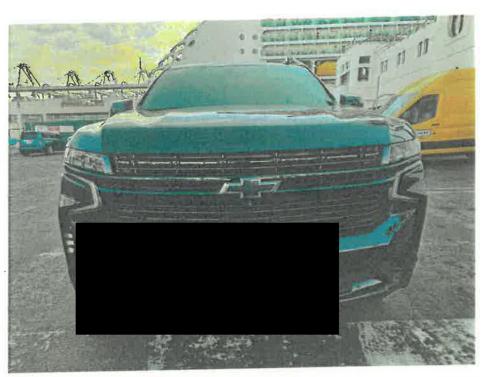
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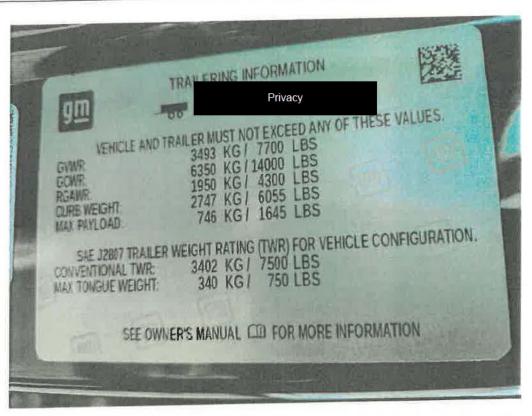
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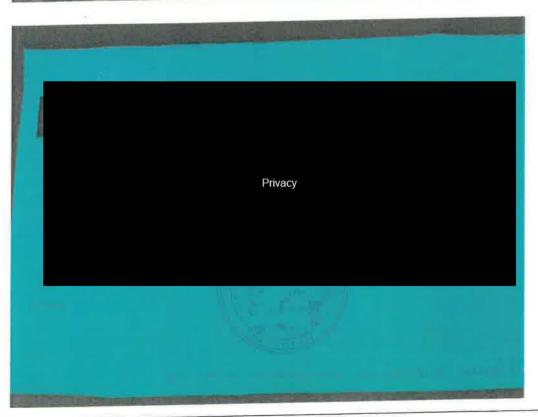




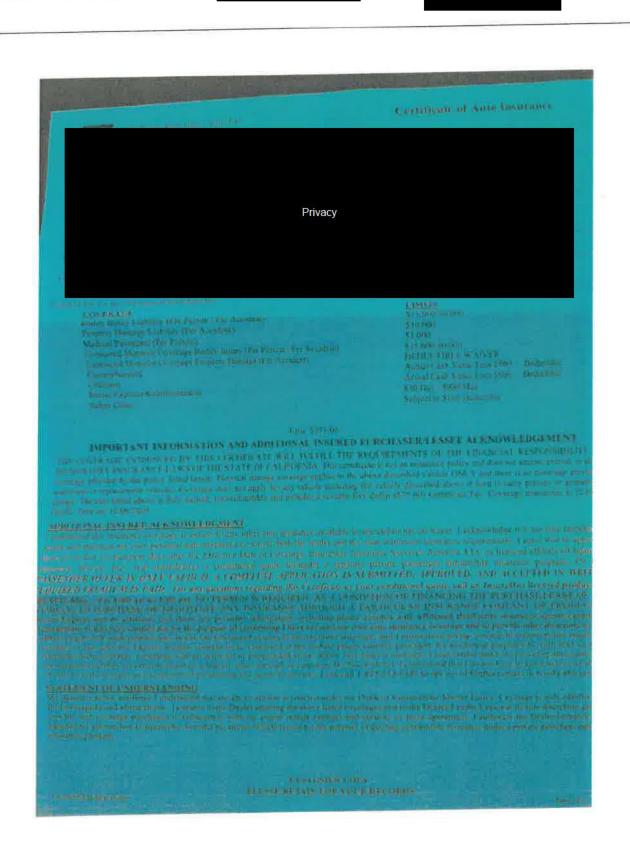
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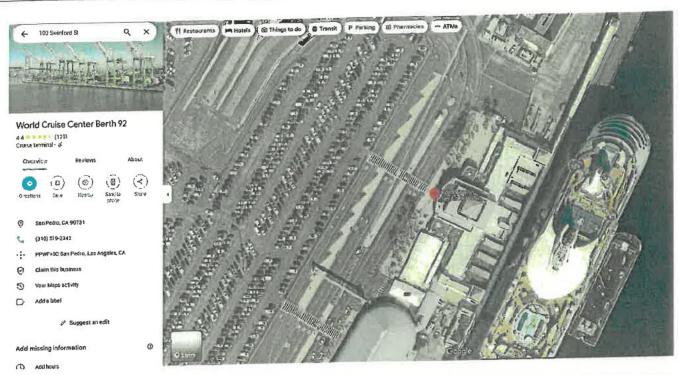


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Laura Rubio-Cornejo GENERAL MANAGER



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

100 South Main Street, 10th Floor Los Angeles, California 90012 (213) 972-8470 FAX (213) 972-8410

January 17, 2025

Dear City Attorney,

Please be advised that as of this date, the costs listed below were incurred by our Department for an arrest. The hourly employee rate includes all costs associated with the investigation.



Make all checks payable to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and include your case number.



TAXICAB OPERATORS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP PASSENGERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

COMPANY NAME	ADDRESS	BUSINESS	CONTACT F	ID#'S
Bell Cab Company, Inc. d.b.a. Bell Cab	5155 W. Rosecrans Ave. Hawthorne, Ca. 90250	424-363-1200	Simon H. Momennasab	5500-5950
Beverly Hills Transit Cooperative, Inc. d.b.a. Beverly Hills Cab Co.	7955 San Fernando Road, Sun Valley Ca. 91352	818-429-7568	Jilbert Vardehoghli	3200-3399
Independent Taxi Owners' Association d.b.a. Independent Taxi (ITOA)	10859 Sherman Way, Sun Valley, 2nd Fir Ca 91352	323-666-0040	Henry Royt	1000-1254
South Bay Co- Operative, Inc. d.b.a. United Checker Cab	1515 W. 190th Street, Gardena Ca. 90248	310-965-5807	William J. Rouse	1400-1480
L.A. Taxi Co-Operative, Inc. d.b.a. Yellow Cab	1515 W. 190th Street Gardena Ca. 90248	310-715-1968	William J, Rouse	6000-6899
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United Independent Taxi Drivers, Inc. d.b.a. United Taxi of San Fernando Valley (UTSFV)		(213) 483-7669	Yohannes Mersha	900-999
LA City Cab LLC d.b.a. City Cab	7955 San Fernando Rd. Sun Valle Ca. 91352	(818) 252-167	Jano Baghdania	7100-729

CITY ATTORNEY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

OFFICERS - FORM TO BE COMPLETED ON ALL FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTEES

DETECTIVES - FORM TO BE FILED WITH CITY ATTORNEY ONLY

Answer all questions to the best of your personal knowledge.

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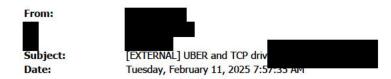
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Answer all questions to the best of your personal knowledge.

NOTICE TO APPEAR				DR No.
Reports: To your knowledge,	what reports (except per	sonnel investigations) wer	e prepared in relation	on to this investigation
✓ Arrest		☐ Follow-up ☐ Ve		☐ CHP 555
The following items exist:				
Video tape (including DICV				
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Has there been or is there a p	ending Use of Force inve	estigation?	✓ NO	
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Are there any RETAINED OFFICE If YES, identify:	CER NOTES or DIAGRA	MS not included in any re	port(s)?	YES NO
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ATTACHMENT 2

LADOT Complaint



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Good morning,

On January 17, 2025, as a second of sales of the Soliciting passengers for most caused of TNC platforms and failing to comply with TCP regulations by not pre-arranging trips.

On the aforementioned day, stood at the rear of his vehicle with the cargo door open attempting to solicit transportation services via his mobile phone. Investigators observed him flashing his phone to passengers with the words "SUV SERVICE" in bold black letters. Undercover staff approached and requested a ride to Burbank Airport. He attempted to charge them \$150 for the service. Based on observations by LADOT staff and a conversation with the was arrested for the following violations.

LAMC 71.02 (a)- Illegal Vehicle for Hire LAMC 71.03 (d)- Operating a vehicle for hire without a valid LADOT issued driver permit

Escobar was driving a 2024 Chevrolet Suburban, black with CA plate # 40141-A was affixed to the rear and front bumpers.

On February 8, 2025, I observed picking up passengers at approximately 9:16 AM at World Cruise Berth 92 in the L.A. Ports. I approached the front driver-side window and identified myself as an Investigator with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. I requested to see his waybill, and he informed me that it was an Uber pickup. When I asked to see his Uber app to verify the pickup, he refused to show it to me. I then asked the passengers if they had ordered the ride through Uber, and they confirmed, "Yes."

Since his arrest on January 17, 2025, that has been harassing my staff at the port by following them around and taking pictures while they conduct enforcement. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best Regards;

