



Public Utilities Commission  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION  
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina

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File: Unlicensed

Date: June 5, 2026

Citation #: T.2026-06-002

Case #: CSE-984

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 May 24, 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'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 June 25, 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 June 25, 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.

*Shirley Lei*

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Attachments



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CITATION COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

File No.: Unlicensed

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated June 5, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$1,500

Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina



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(Signature)

(Title)

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(Date)

**Payment is to be submitted online via TCP Portal (<https://tcpportal.cpuc.ca.gov/s/login>) 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:** Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina

**OWNER:** Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina

**AUTHORITY:** Unlicensed

**MAILING ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**PHONE/EMAIL:** [REDACTED]

**VEHICLES:** 1 (License Plate # [REDACTED] VIN [REDACTED])

**EMPLOYEE-DRIVERS:** N/A

**PL&PD INSURANCE:** N/A

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** N/A

**DRUG CONSORTIUM:** N/A

## INTRODUCTION

On June 4, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina because Mr. Molina was observed by the California Highway Patrol's (CHP) Officer Hansen Tam utilizing Luis Suarez's Lyft application (App) to transport passengers on May 24, 2026. Mr. Molina's silver Toyota Prius with license plate [REDACTED] was then subsequently impounded by CHP [Attachment 1].

## VIOLATION

The investigation of Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina 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 May 24, 2026, CHP Officers Tam, Ng, and Gonzalez were on a routine patrol, monitoring the HOV bus lanes east of the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza. Officer Tam observed the vehicle with license plate [REDACTED] and flagged it down to pull over. Officer Tam, with assistance from Officers Ng and Gonzalez, conducted a compliance check on Mr. Molina by reviewing his Lyft App and confirmed the driver, Mr. Molina, did not match the name of the Lyft Platform driver, Luis Saurez [Attachment 2]. The Lyft application showed Mr. Saurez's account would drop off passengers at 11:41 am [Attachment 3]. I confirmed with the Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch's (TLAB) database that Mr. Molina has never held any operating authority from the Commission.

Mr. Molina 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, CHP Officer Tam (Badge #18053) impounded the vehicle. [Attachment 1].

## 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 June 5, 2026, in San Francisco, California

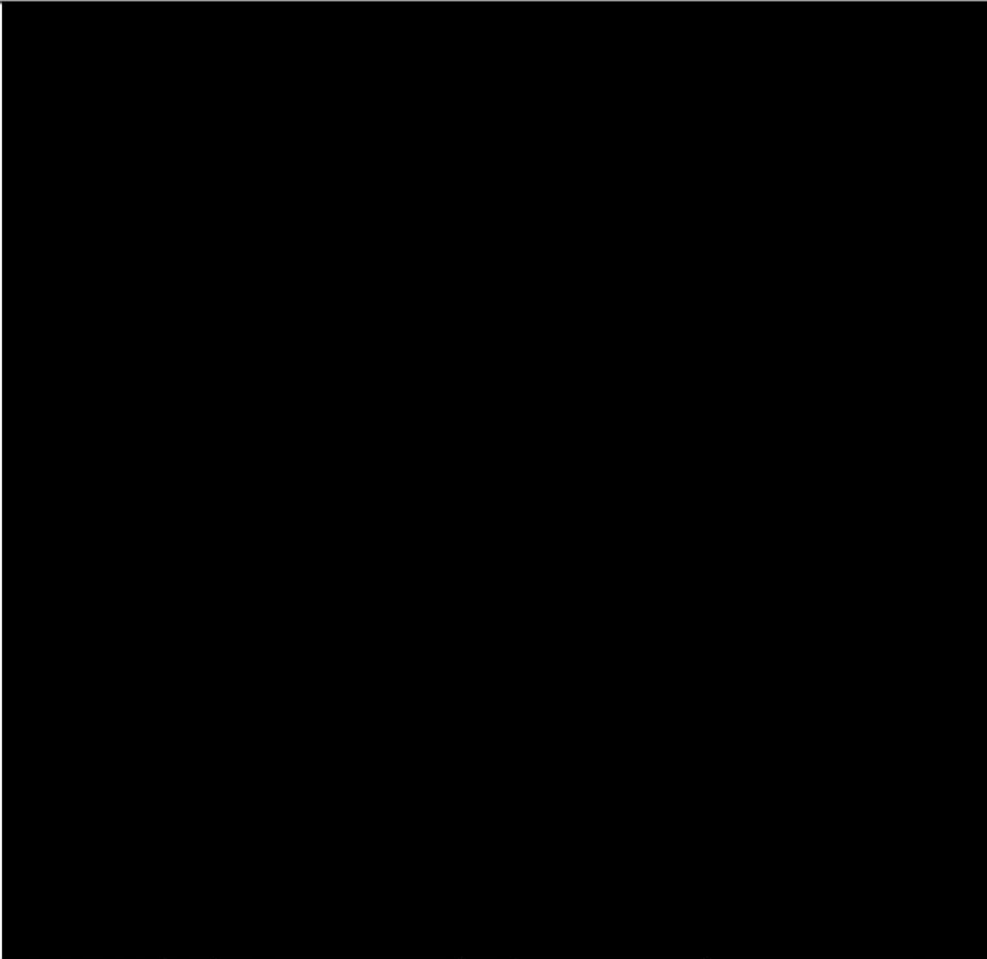
*Destiny Graham*  
Destiny Graham, PURA IV

## **List of Attachments**

- **Attachment 1** – CHP Officer Tam Report of Encounter and Impound
- **Attachment 2** – Luis Suarez's Lyft Profile
- **Attachment 3** – Active Lyft Trip

# Attachment 1

## CHP Officer Tam Summary Report of Encounter and Impound



VEH. LIC. #	STATE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	BODY TYPE
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**MISDEMEANOR INCARCERATION** (To be completed upon physical arrest for any misdemeanor, pursuant to Section 853.6 of the Penal Code.)  
As determined by the arresting officer, the person arrested:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> was so intoxicated as to be a danger to himself or others.   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> if released immediately, would jeopardize the prosecution of the offense or offenses for which arrested or the prosecution of any other offenses.            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> required medical examination or medical care or was otherwise unable to care for their own safety.   | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> would be reasonably likely to continue the offense or offenses, or the safety of persons or property would be imminently endangered if immediately released. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> was arrested under one or more of the circumstances listed in Sections 40302 and 40303 of the California Vehicle Code (Note 5 and 8 if also applicable). | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> demanded to be taken before a magistrate or refused to sign the citation.  |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> had one or more outstanding arrest warrants issued.  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> would not appear at the time and place specified in the notice.  |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> could not provide satisfactory evidence of personal identification.  | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  |

ARRESTING/INVESTIGATING OFFICER (Print name/s)	ID NUMBER	REVIEWED BY (Print name/s)	ID NUMBER	DATE
Tam / Officer	018053	<i>Sean Wilkenfeld</i>	20129	5/29/26

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**ARREST — INVESTIGATION REPORT NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)**

**ADMONITION OF RIGHTS**

- 1. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
- 2. ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN A COURT OF LAW.
- 3. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK WITH AN ATTORNEY AND TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT BEFORE AND DURING QUESTIONING.
- 4. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, ONE WILL BE APPOINTED FREE OF CHARGE TO REPRESENT YOU BEFORE AND DURING QUESTIONING, IF YOU DESIRE.

THE ABOVE STATEMENT WAS READ TO THE ARRESTEE BY:

NOT ADVISED

ARRESTING OFFICER

OR

ID:

TIME:

DO YOU UNDERSTAND EACH OF THESE RIGHTS I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU?

YES  NO

HAVING THESE RIGHTS IN MIND, DO YOU WISH TO TALK TO US NOW?

YES  NO

WAIVER STATEMENT

**1 CASE IDENTIFICATION:**

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3 California Highway Patrol San Francisco Area, Case Number:

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**5 SUSPECT:**

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7 **Gilberto Antonio Vaquero Molina (S-1)**

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**11 Charges Investigated:**

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• 5371 Public Utility Code

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• 21655.5 (b) Vehicle Code

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**15 SUMMARY:**

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ARREST – INVESTIGATION REPORT NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

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Vaquero Molina, Gilberto Antonio

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ARREST – INVESTIGATION REPORT NARRATIVE (CONTINUED)

1 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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Vaquero Molina, Gilberto Antonio

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph 5



Driver Photograph

Photograph 6



Vehicle 1

Photograph 7



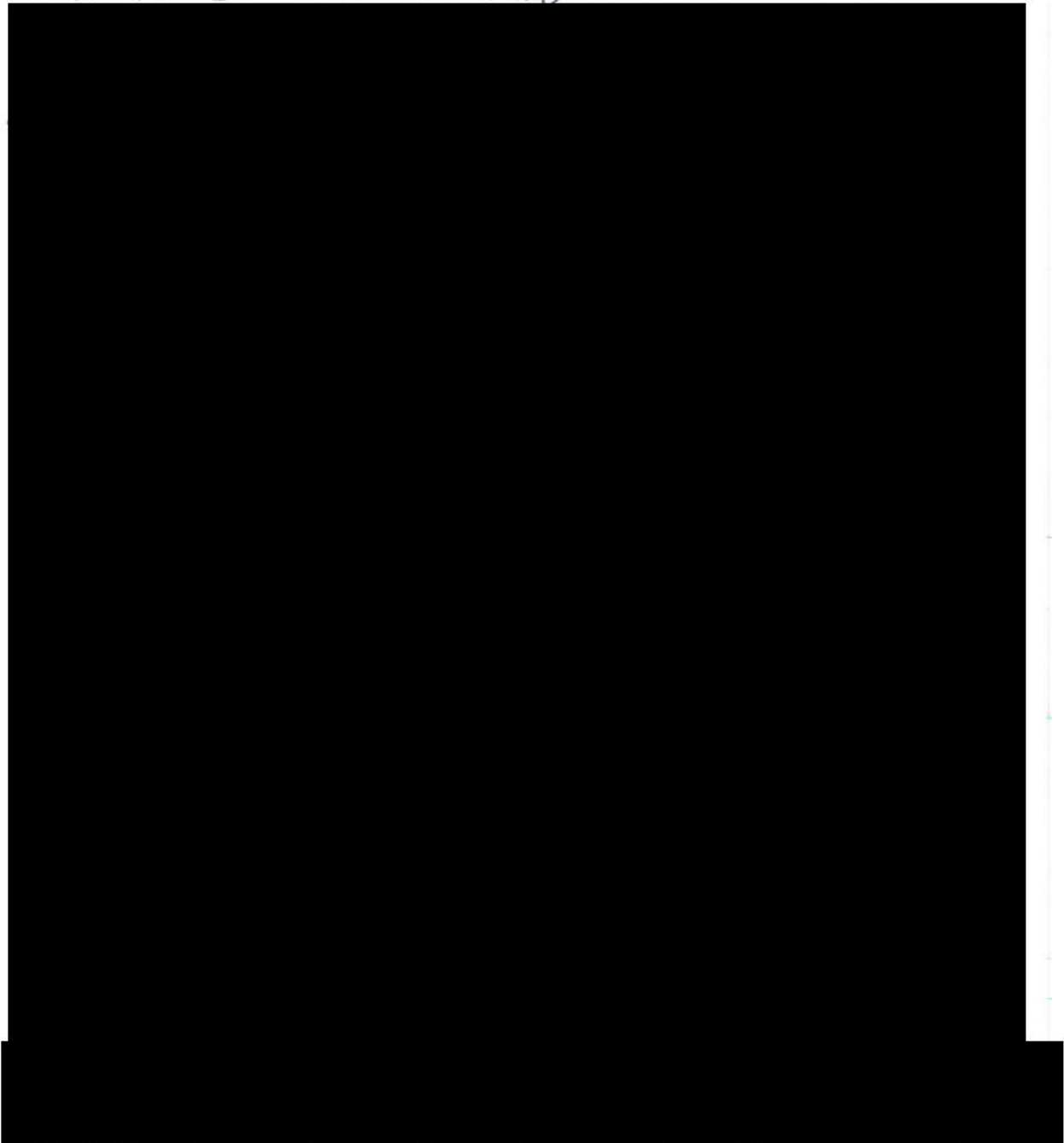
Vehicle 2

Photograph 8



Vehicle 3

30 DAY IMPOUND



FRONT



LEFT SIDE



RIGHT SIDE



REAR



TOP

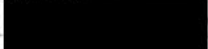
SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT

TAM

I.D. NO.

18053

SUPERVISOR



REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED

YES

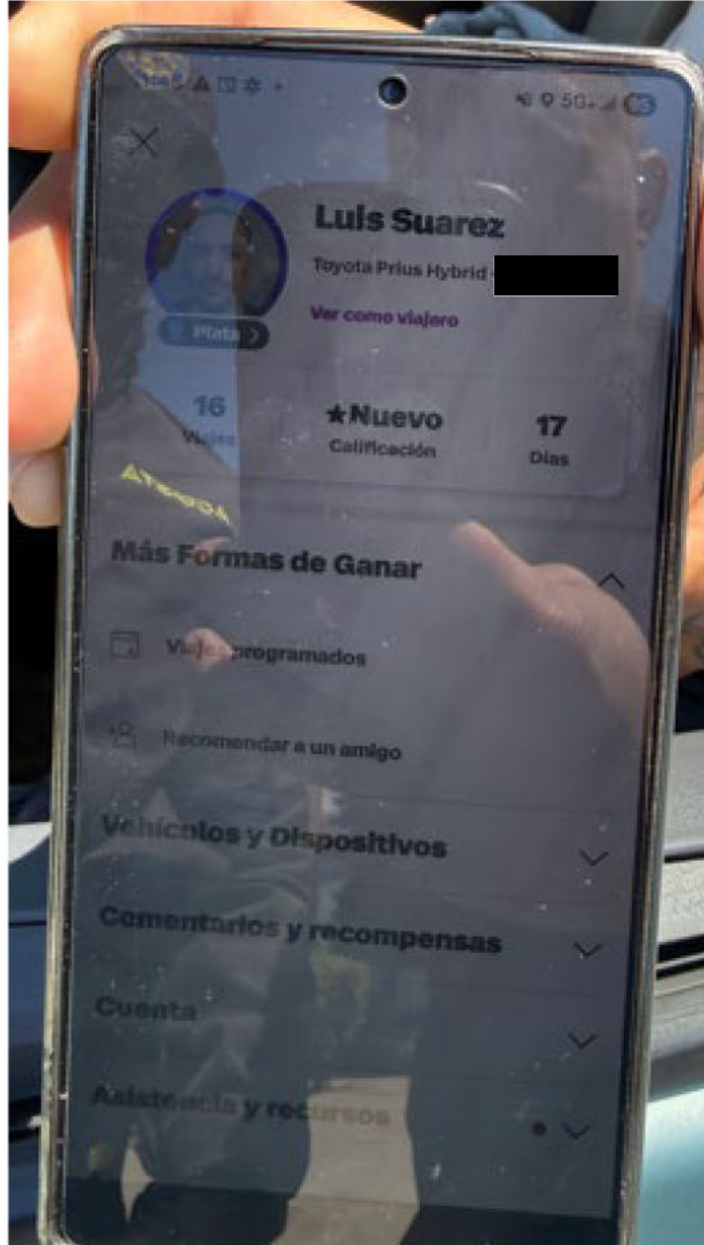
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AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC?

NO

## Attachment 2

### Luis Suarez's Lyft Profile



# Attachment 3

## Active Lyft Trip

