



Public Utilities Commission
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CITATION FOR VIOLATION
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE

To: Ranulpho V. Sena
[REDACTED]

File: Unlicensed
Date: October 6, 2026
Citation #: 2026-10-003
Case #: CSE-1125

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. This violation occurred during the period from October 5, 2026, through October 6, 2026.

- Operated as a Charter-party carrier without a valid operating authority in violation of Pub. Util. Code 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 October 26, 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 October 26, 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

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I (we) hereby agree to comply with this citation dated October 6, 2026, and herewith pay the fine of \$1,500.

Ranulpho V. Sena



(Signature)

(Title)

(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: Ranulpho V. Sena

AUTHORITY: None(Unlicensed)

MAILING ADDRESS:



PHONE/EMAIL:



VEHICLE[S]: [1] Car

License Plate #:



VIN¹ #:



PL&PD²

INSURANCE: NA

**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
INSURANCE:** NA

DRUG CONSORTIUM: NA

¹ Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

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

INTRODUCTION

On October 5, 2026, I was assigned to investigate the operations and practices of Ranulpho V. Sena (hereinafter referred to as Sena) because he was observed providing rides to passengers in exchange for compensation without authority. This incident occurred during a joint operation conducted with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Santa Clara Police Department on October 4, 2026. As a result, CHP impounded Sena's vehicle, bearing license plate [REDACTED]

VIOLATIONS

The investigation of Arvinder Singh found the following provisions of the Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code and a Commission General Order (GO):

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

*** Statutory Authority: Pub. Util. Code 5411 and 5411.5, and CVC 14602.9.**

On October 4, 2026, CHP Officer Tam (Badge No. [REDACTED]), TEB Enforcement Analyst Mary Sekyi-Appiah, and I observed Sena operating a vehicle bearing a California license plate [REDACTED] and VIN No. [REDACTED] [Attachment 1], providing for-hire transportation without a valid CPUC operating authority at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara parking lot in Santa Clara, California. I confirmed with CPUC's Transportation Licensing and Analysis Branch's database that Sena never held a CPUC operating authority. Additionally, Sena did not have an active trip on the Uber or Lyft platform p [Attachment 2].

As a result, TEB Enforcement Analyst Mary Sekyi-Appiah issued Sena a Cease-and-Desist Notice (C&D) and an Inspection Observation Report (IOR) for operating without a valid CPUC operating authority [Attachment 3]. Additionally, Mary Sekyi-Appiah received authorization from Transportation Enforcement Branch (TEB) Program and Project Supervisor Shirley Lei to request that CHP Officer Tam impound the vehicle under enforcement protocol. [Attachment 4]. CHP Officer Tam completed the CHP 180 Form [Attachment 5], and the vehicle was subsequently impounded.

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 October 6, 2026, in Sacramento, California.

Kingsley L. Melton

Kingsley L. Melton, Enforcement Analyst

List of Attachments

Attachment 1. Photographs of California Vehicle License Plate [REDACTED]

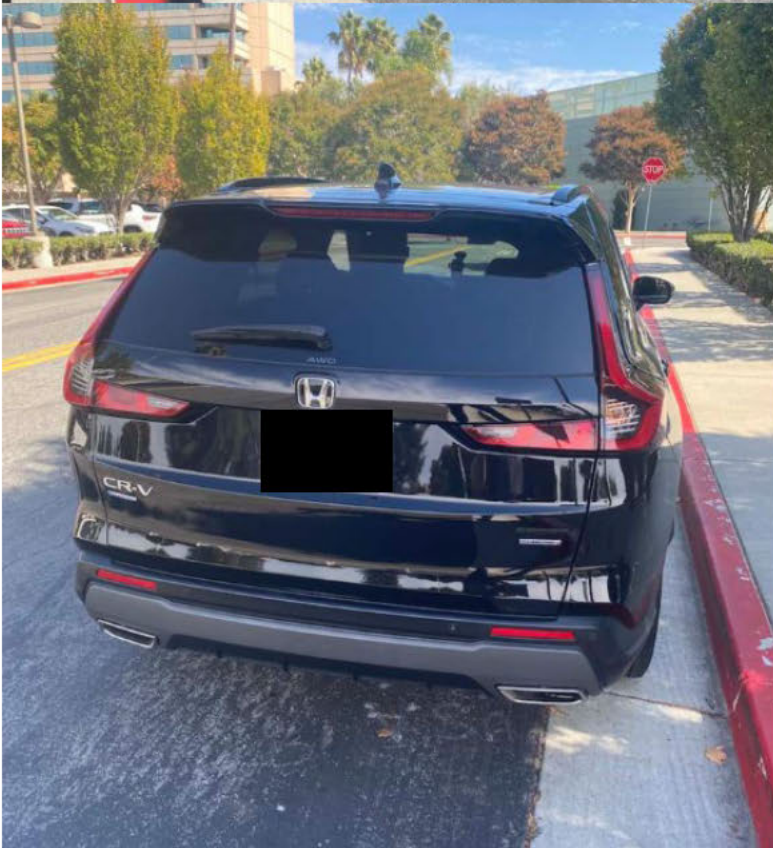
Attachment 2. CPUC's TLAB Carrier Portal Database

Attachment 3. CPUC's C&D and IOR

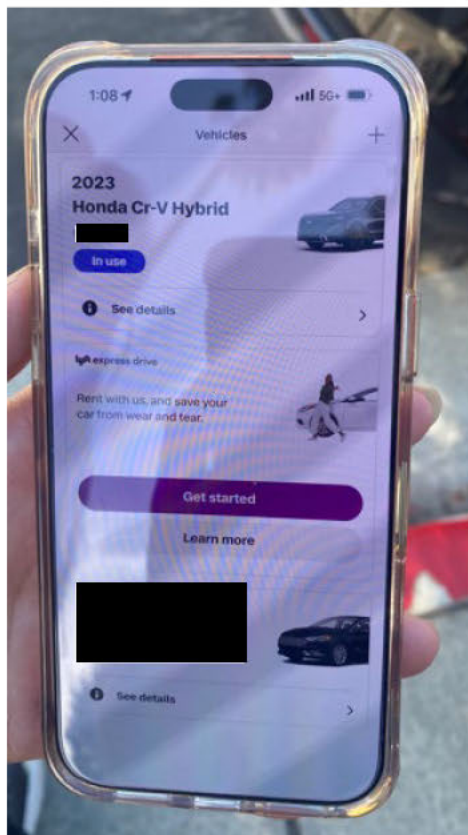
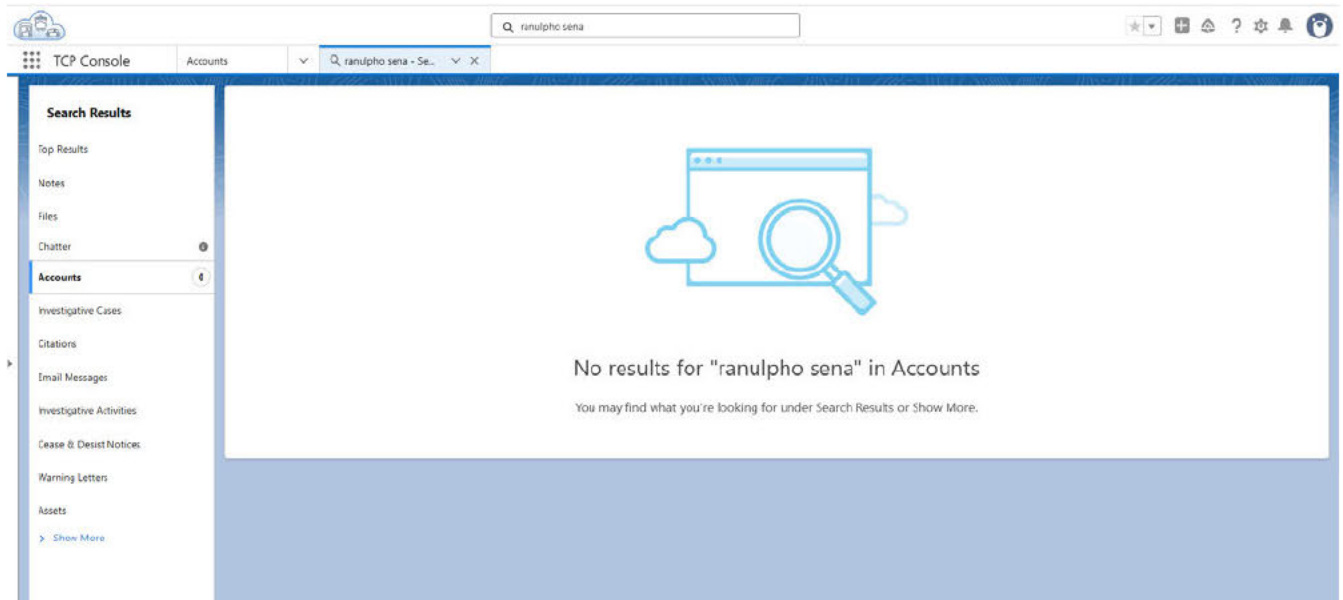
Attachment 4. Request to Impound Form

Attachment 5. CHP 180 Form

ATTACHMENT 1 – Photographs of California Vehicle License Plate 9FWN724



ATTACHMENT 2 – CPUC’s TLAB Carrier Portal Database and Lyft app



ATTACHMENT 3 – CPUC's C&D and IOR



NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Date: 10/4/24

Carrier: Undersigned Ramulpho V. Sena

TCP number, if any N/A 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 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 P.V.S TITLE _____

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

COMMENTS: Splitting of the app. 2 passengers
#20 per passenger. Operate without
Authority

See attached Inspection Observation Report Form for more detail.

Enforcement Analyst Signature _____

CPUC COPY

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
INSPECTION OBSERVATION REPORT

Location: Airport/Other: Levi's PSC/TCP/TNC: N/A Investigator: MAA Date: 10/4/26
(Circle one) Phone#: _____ Zip: _____

Prime Carrier: _____ Address: _____

Driver: Regulito V. Sosa CDL#: _____ City: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Years w/company: _____ Prime Carrier: _____

Relationship with Carrier: Owner/ Employee/ Sub-carrier/ Other: _____

Comments: _____ Registration Exp.: _____ Seats: _____

License Plate #: _____ Leased/Owned
(Circle one)

Registered Owner: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Violation(s): _____

Vehicle: ☐ TCP # Not shown on rear/front bumper ☐ No Trade Dress ☐ Front ☐ Rear

☐ Vehicle not listed with PUC ☐ Carrier's name not on side of vehicle*

☐ PSC/TCP # not on side of vehicle* ☐ Carrier Name /TCP# ☐ Vehicle License Plate #

*Exempt for vehicles < 25 passengers incl. driver or leased < 30 days ☐ Time/Date Charter arranged ☐ Origin/Destination

☐ No waybill ☐ Name/address of persons arranging charter

☐ Driver's Name ☐ Transportation arranged by phone or written contract

☐ No. of person in group ☐ 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: Soliciting at app. 2 passengers
(408) [redacted] @ \$20 per passenger
Operating without [redacted]

Note: Failure to take corrective action may result in enforcement action including imposition of fines

ATTACHMENT 4 – Request to Impound Form



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Request to Impound

Indicate seating capacity of vehicle (including driver): 5
Indicate number of passengers (including driver): 3

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: Mary Sekyi-Appiah

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: Mary Sekyi-Appiah

Citing/Arresting Officer Name: Officer Tam

Allied Agency Case Number: 1066

Date: 10/4/26

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

ATTACHMENT 5 - CHP 180 Form

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

VEHICLE REPORT
CHP 180 (Rev. 4-16) DPI 001

REPORTING DEPARTMENT: **CHP SAN JOSE** LOCATION CODE: **9340** DATE / TIME OF REPORT: **10/14/26/1300** ADVISE OF STORED VEHICLE DELIVERED PERSONALLY: ☐ YES ☒ NO FILE NO.: **1066**

LOCATION TOWED / STOLEN FROM: **GREAT AMERICA PARK & THSMAN** ODOMETER READING: **62868** VIN CLEAR IN SVST: ☒ YES ☐ NO DATE / TIME DISPATCH NOTIFIED: **10/14/26/1** LOG NO.: **1066**

YEAR: **2007** MAKE: **HONDA** MODEL: **CRV** BODY TYPE: **4DR** COLOR: **BLK** BY: ☒ TWO ☐ ONE MONTH / YEAR: **5/27** STATE: **CA**

ENGINE NO.: **[REDACTED]** ☐ 6-500 ☐ 501-4000 ☒ 4001+ ☐ S

☐ STORED ☒ IMPOUNDED ☐ RELEASED ☐ RECOVERED - VEHICLE / COMPONENT

TOWING / STORAGE CONCERN (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE): **SUNNYVALE TOWING 1038 W EVELYN AVE SUNNYVALE CA 94086** STORAGE AUTHORITY / REASON: **1-800-866-6446 14602.9 VC-CAC**

REASON FOR STOP: **CPUC CHECK** AIRBAGS: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ I ☐ DRIVEABLE?: ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ JUNK ☐ UNK ☐ VIN SWITCHED?: ☐ YES ☒ NO

CONDITION	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	ITEMS	YES	NO	TIRES / WHEELS	CONDITION
WIRING			SEAT (FRONT)	☒		REGISTRATION	☒		CAMPER			LEFT FRONT	FAIR
BURNED MARK (per 4310) CVC			SEAT (REAR)	☒		ALT / GENERATOR			VEHICLE AS LOAD			RIGHT FRONT	
UNCALIBRATED			RADIO	☒		BATTERY			FIREARMS			LEFT REAR	
END / TRANS. STRIP			TAPE DECK		☒	DIFFERENTIAL			OTHER			RIGHT REAR	
MOD. PARTS STRIP			TAPES		☒	TRANSMISSION						SPARE	2
BODY METAL STRIP			OTHER RADIO		☒	AUTOMATIC						HUB CAPS	
SURGICAL STRIP (per 4310) CVC			IGNITION KEY	☒		MANUAL						SPECIAL WHEELS	
RELEASE VEHICLE TO: ☐ R/O OR AGENT ☒ AGENCY HOLD ☐ 22852 CVC	GARAGE PRINCIPAL / AGENT STORING VEHICLE (SIGNATURE):										DATE / TIME:		

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 OWNER 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)
[REDACTED]

REPORTED BY: **[REDACTED]** CARGO / TYPE: ☐ YES ☒ NO VALUE \$: ☐ BILL OF LADING ATTACHED

DAMAGE: DENT ON DRIVER SIDE DOOR, FRONT RIGHT SIDE FENDER DENT, SCRATCHES TO REAR RIGHT BUMPER PANEL, REAR PASSENGER SIDE DENT. MIRROR SCRATCHES 360°.

PROPERTY: 2 CELL PHONE MOUNTS, SCENT SPRAY, HAND SMITZER, VACUUM, GEAR TOWELS, MISCELLANEOUS.

NO OTHER ITEMS OF VALUE NOTED OR DAMAGED.

FRONT LEFT SIDE RIGHT SIDE REAR TOP

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER TAKING REPORT: **TAM** I.D. NO.: SUPERVISOR: REQUIRED NOTICES SENT TO REGISTERED AND LEGAL OWNERS PER 22852 CVC? ☐ YES ☐ NO DATE NOTIFIED:

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