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CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINE, SHUTTLE, AND BUS COMPANIES

SAN FRANCISCO, November 13, 2014 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection and safety, took the following enforcement actions during the second quarter of 2014 against limousine, bus, and shuttle companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations.

Administrative Citation

Twenty-three companies were cited and fined a total of \$39,000 for one or more of these violations:

1. Advertised a revoked permit number
2. Failed to enroll (and/or pre-employment test) drivers in a mandatory drug and alcohol program
3. Failed to enroll drivers in DMV Pull Notice program
4. General Order 157-D violation (failed to maintain a current equipment list, no sub-carrier agreement, or incomplete waybills)
5. Operated without a valid authority (suspended or unlicensed)
6. Operated vehicles that are not insured at the required minimum level of public liability and property damage insurance
7. Failed to properly report gross revenue earned
8. Failed to respond to consumer complaints

Companies cited:

1. George E Udeh dba Gem Global Logistics Intl, San Marcos (TCP 22746)
2. Ioan Nicolae Tite dba Sky Blue Shuttle, Temecula (TCP 25424)
3. Above All Shuttle LLC, San Diego (TCP 25683)
4. Paul S Gulati dba My Ride Shuttle, Temecula (TCP 26999)
5. Charles Ene dba Ene Transportation, San Diego (TCP 28711)
6. Ernesto Noyola-Gonzalez dba Noyola Transportation, Chula Vista (TCP 24940)



7. Vargas Transportation LLC dba Liberty Launch, San Diego (TCP 28385)
8. Alfredo Ponce, Escondido (TCP 26348)
9. Crown Limousine LLC, Paso Robles (TCP 25108)
10. Cotijas Transportation LLC, El Monte (PSC 24807)
11. In-Custody Transportation Inc., San Dimas (TCP 26558)
12. Samuel Mirteab and Fitsum Mihretab, dba Safari Limo, Oakland (TCP 28997)
13. Legendary Transportation Services, Inc., dba Sacramento Transportation Systems, Sacramento (TCP 28870)
14. Unique Limousines, Inc., Ontario (TCP 29476)
15. Cabanas Xpress LLC, El Monte (TCP 26634)
16. Christopher Demetrius Pselos dba Integrity Trans Svc, Murrieta (TCP 31822)
17. Aguilas Del Desierto LLC, Fontana (TCP 20407)
18. Eric Van Dyke dba Bridges Limousine Inc., Alamo (TCP 20504)
19. Tapera Hofisi dba Plus One Transportation, San Diego (TCP 22746)
20. Lux Bus America Co., Anaheim (TCP 22650)
21. Rondee Transportation Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 25233)
22. Nakagawa Ventures Inc., dba CA Shuttle Bus, San Jose (PSC 31065)
23. American Yellow Cab Inc., Express by Execucar Laguna Niguel (TCP 29091)

Phone Disconnections

As part of its ongoing efforts to clamp down on illegal transportation companies, the CPUC had telephone service shut off to four charter party carriers operating in California without authority. These companies continued to advertise and transport passengers, notwithstanding CPUC staff directives to immediately cease and desist unlawful acts and to obtain a transportation charter party permit:

- **Johnny Gutierrez dba Party Bus for You, Fresno (Unlicensed):** This company advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet. Notwithstanding CPUC staff Cease and Desist letters directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On April 14, 2014, the CPUC obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Fresno County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered the disconnection of telephone service to the number advertised and used by the company to violate criminal laws in California.
- **Michal Alanic dba Joshua Tree Airport Shuttle (Unlicensed):** This company advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet without a permit. The advertisement listed one phone number. Notwithstanding a CPUC staff Cease and Desist letter directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On May 1, 2014, CPUC staff obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the number advertised and used by the company to violate criminal laws in California.

- **Vincent Gutierrez, dba Big Things Limousine, For Big Things Limo, For Big Things Limousines, Inc., and Elk Grove Party Bus, Elk Grove (Unlicensed):** This company advertised and offered transportation services on the Internet. Notwithstanding a CPUC staff Cease and Desist letter directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the company continued to violate the law. On May 13, 2014, CPUC staff obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a Sacramento County Superior Court Judge. The Finding orders the disconnection of telephone service to the number advertised and used by the company to violate criminal laws in California.
- **Eric Kindley dba Court Services Inc., Manteca (TCP 22047Z revoked):** This company advertised charter-party carrier services on the Internet. The advertisements listed five phone numbers. Notwithstanding CPUC staff Cease and Desist letters and oral communication directing the company to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations the company continued to violate the law. On June 26, 2014, CPUC staff obtained a Finding of Probable Cause signed by a San Joaquin County Superior Court (Manteca Branch) Judge. The Finding ordered disconnection of telephone service to the five numbers advertised by the company to violate criminal laws in California.

Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):

Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only)	87
Number of vehicles impounded	58

Official Notices

The following 12 companies received notices for one or more of these violations: engaged drivers prior to enrollment in the DMV pull notice and drug and alcohol programs; advertised and operated without authority (prior to issuance, expired, or suspended); conducted operations at an airport without holding an airport permit; engaged drivers without workers’ compensation insurance on file and in effect; failed to include TCP authority number in advertisements; failed to update equipment list; incomplete or no waybills; knowingly and intentionally filed a false report that understates revenues and fees:

1. Brasher’s San Jose Auto Auction, Rio Linda (TCP 33019)
2. Double Hi Express Tours Inc., San Gabriel (TCP12763)
3. Thomas Velez dba 805 Wine Tour & Transport, Lompoc (TCP32715)
4. Kenneth A. Ham dba Silver Line Limousine Transportation, El Segundo (TCP 07795P)
5. Fethi Hacene dba La Navette The Shuttle LLC, Long Beach (TCP 21590P)
6. Premium Limo Service Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 29757)

7. Beach City Investors LLC dba HB 2 Newport, Huntington Beach (TCP 29921)
8. PLS Transportation Inc., Playa Del Rey (TCP 17190)
9. Jay Jordan dba New Image Transportation, Redlands (unlicensed)
10. Pasargadae, Inc., dba Robin Hood Limousine (TCP 25321)
11. Air Net Limousine Service and San Francisco Transportation Services (TCP 24754)
12. Semyon Portnoy dba BayMed Express (unlicensed)

Refunds and Settlement Claims

The following company agreed to refund monies to consumers for service related complaints: Soprano Limousine Service, LLC (TCP 28258).

Cease and Desist Notices

The following 33 companies were issued a Cease and Desist notice for operating and/or advertising without a valid charter-party authority (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied or expired):

1. Aventine Transportation LLC, Spring Valley (TCP 16179)
2. Shishu Feng, San Gabriel (unlicensed)
3. Allen Peng Feng, San Gabriel (unlicensed)
4. Dynasty Transportation dba Dynasty Limousines, Cottonwood (PSG 25825)
5. Tony Gonzales dba Best Value Rentals, Clovis (unlicensed)
6. CSI Extradition, LLC dba Court Services CSI, Manteca (TCP 22047)
7. B and E Limousine Inc., San Francisco (PSG 28261)
8. Michael Jon Pettibone dba Shortbusrides.com, Placerville (TCP 26202)
9. American Yellow Cab Inc dba Express By Execucar, Laguna Niguel (TCP 29091)
10. Western Transportation Systems, Inc., Los Angeles (PSG 1179)
11. Keolis Transit Services LLC, Los Angeles (PSG 33220)
12. Brent Kiewside, Salinas (unlicensed)
13. Reuben Simpson dba W C Limo, Seaside (TCP 7700)
14. Danny Rizzo dba Danny Rizzo Pro Boxing Club, Santa Rosa (unlicensed)
15. Pride Luxury Tours (Denied) (TCP 28750)
16. Tapera Hofisi dba Plus One Transportation, San Diego (TCP 30590)
17. Ashley Marie Kasper, dba Twin Rivers Limousine, Sacramento (TCP 30373)
18. American Vans Inc. dba Supershuttle, Laguna Niguel (TCP 27012)
19. Albert King dba King Limo and Transportation (unlicensed)
20. Xiao Feng Yang dba Xiao Xiao Travel, Monterey Park (TCP 16251)
21. Busmar Services, Los Angeles (TCP 17728)
22. Bolton Michael Anthony, Los Angeles (TCP 8469)
23. Keepsake Entertainment Inc., Hawthorne (TCP 19202)
24. Britos Transportation, Inc., Santa Ana (TCP 33091)
25. Fox Express LLC, Lynwood (PSC 21536)
26. Luis Manuel Sanchez dba United One Tours, San Jose (TCP 22264-S)
27. San Diego Luxury Transportation, Oceanside (TCP 19933)
28. Armen Hovhannisyanyan, dba Prestige Limo Service, Panorama City (TCP 24785 B)
29. Alfredo Graciano dba Graciano Express, Brawley (TCP 32681)
30. Luis R. Inzunza dba South Bay Transportation, National City (TCP 26139)

31. Carpe Diem Limousine & Transportation, San Diego (TCP 28679)
32. Jafri Syed Gali dba The Bay Limo, San Francisco (TCP 25972)
33. Golden State Tours, San Francisco (TCP 25178-B)

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