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**CPUC INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS  
AND FINES IMPOSED ON VARIOUS LIMOUSINES,  
SHUTTLES, AND BUS COMPANIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8, 2009 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in its ongoing commitment to consumer protection, has recently taken a number of actions to protect consumers from illegally operating passenger carriers.

During the first quarter of 2009, CPUC took the following enforcement actions against limousine, bus, and shuttle companies for violations of the Public Utilities Code and CPUC rules and regulations, including General Order (G.O.) 157-D.

**Administrative Citation**

Eight companies were cited and fined (totaling \$15,700) for violations ranging from:

1. Engaged employees without procuring evidence of workers' compensation insurance
2. Failed to comply with G.O. 157 rules (no prearrangement, waybills)
3. Failed to enroll drivers in a mandatory drug and alcohol program
4. Failed to enroll drivers in DMV Pull Notice program
5. Operated without a valid authority (suspension, revocation, expiration, or unlicensed)

Companies cited:

1. Armondo Flores dba Royal Lines, Bonita (TCP 7020)
2. Godwin Chibike Nwando dba NKEE Transportation, Spring Valley (TCP 20388)
3. John Glenn dba Limousines By Anthony, LLC, San Diego (TCP 21229)
4. Jose Arturo Marquez dba Century 21 Tours and Charters, San Diego (TCP 13029)
5. M T Transportation Inc., Los Angeles (TCP 24169)

6. Nathan and James Kerns dba West Coach Limousine Service, Rohnert Park (TCP 19480)
7. Preferred Transportation LLC, Ventura (TCP 17975)
8. Richard Todd Bradley dba Sky Capp Shuttle, Palm Springs (TCP 16119)

**Criminal Filing**

CPUC staff participated in a joint sting operation with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), Southern Division to curtail the unlicensed activities of illegal passenger carrier operations at the San Ysidro Border Crossings. The operation resulted in SDPD Southern Division filing criminal charges against six passenger carriers for operating without a valid Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), in violation of Public Utilities Code Section 1031. Arraignment is scheduled for June 5, 2009, in San Diego Superior Court.

1. Arnulfo Lepe Macerdo, Chula Vista. Complaint #M074202
2. Jaime Aviles Vega, San Diego. Complaint #M074205
3. Joaquin Leon Heredia, Modesto. Complaint #M074200
4. Juan Reyes, Perris. Complaint #M074203
5. Julio Cesar Maza, Los Angeles/San Diego. Complaint #M074204
6. Padilla Santiago Martinez, Los Angeles/San Diego. Complaint #M074201

**Enforcement Actions at Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA):**

Number of citations issued by LAWA police (unlicensed operations only)	92
Number of vehicles impound	85
Administrative citations issued by CPUC	42
Administrative fines collected	\$ 31,250
Cease and Desist letters issued	31

**Individuals or Entities Cited for Unlicensed Operation:**

Defendant Name	Registered owner	TCP#
1. Alawneh Mohammad Abdul	Kandil Ramez	20001
2. Alegria Arturo Flores	Atlas Rent A Car	14839
3. Alsharafi Sami Sharaf	J Bond or A Khosro	none
4. An Jae Won	An Whi or An Sun G	none
5. Baek Jong Won	Myeon S Cho	none
6. Benitez Orlando Jose	same	22171

7. Berdiel Jaime Luis	same	none
8. Castellon Salvador Segovia	same	none
9. Chang Chung Hsing	Lobo Chang (aka)	none
10. Chen Hsiao-Jung	Fan Kuan Ming	none
11. Chen Tai Lang	Hsu Man Li	none
12. Chilyan Karapet Karo	Louisa Chilyan	18230
13. Cho Ik Chul	Mihee Cho	none
14. Crosby Keith Francis	Sims Limousine	20233
15. Cruz Ignacio Lopez	Marina Lopez	23159
16. Diaz Pablo Espinoza	Exquisite Limo	19087
17. Dildine Daron Lee	Nexus Chauff Limo	21205
18. Dong Guo Qiang	Chun Hui Zhang	none
19. Dorani Shmuel	Shmuel & Dalia Dorani	24062
20. Estrada Eduardo Enrique	Nery Estrada	23586
21. Fisher Charles Francis	Corporate Transp.	18531
22. Gabay Eliyahou	A List Limo Service	10984
23. Gutierrez Israel Segura	same	none
24. Hemingway Rodney L	Classique Limousine	9686
25. Jang Sehyeon	same	none
26. Jaramillo Ruben	Wilmar Renderos	none
27. Jeon Sei Young	same	none
28. Jeong Hagen Martin	Helen Jeong	none
29. Jong Hyuk Kim	Four Season Limo	22852
30. Jovel Rosalio A. Aguilar	Conchita Aguilar	none
31. Karapetian Arsen	Abraham Sarkisyan	none
32. Kayupov Valeriy	same	none
33. Keane Dylan	Enterprise Rent A Car	none
34. Kim Choungjae	Kang Young	none
35. Kim Duck Su	same	none
36. Kim Kevin Keun **	same	none
37. Kim Seongu	Lee Sanghun	none
38. Kim Yeonggeun	Jin A Kim	none
39. Kim Young Jin	Byoung Joe Kim	none
40. Kitakaze Kenii	Tracy Shum	19554
41. Koo John	Hyuk Kim/Toyota Leas	none
42. Law Sofian	Rudy Bangsawan	20201
43. Lee Myoung Cheall	same	none
44. Lee Suk Kyu	Ok Ho Choi	none
45. Leider Paul Herman	same	none
46. Li Hsin Tse	Tai T Lin	10573
47. Lim Henrie Halim Perdana	Premier America CU	22405
48. Lim Kwan Mook	Park Woo	none

49. Lockhart Charles Bruce	same	20302
50. Lopez Ramiro Quiroz	same	none
51. Love Anthony Daniel	Rachelle Thomas	12701
52. Markaryan Eduard	EAM Enterpr. LLC	21698
53. Martinez-Cruz Alfredo	Silvia Cruz Sanchez	none
54. Martirosyan Norik	same	22514
55. Morales Armando	same	17460
56. Morales Miguel	same	none
57. Nguyen Anh Nguyet Thi	Vanessa Hua Nguyen	none
58. Nolden Lewis McKendree	Madi Farid/Camzam	22513
59. Ono Naoya	same	none
60. Pacheco Marco Antonio	Javier Ramirez Ortega	none
61. Petoskey Mario	Alke Gonzales	none
62. Quinlan John Robert	Alamo Financing	none
63. Rodriguez-Martinez Jose	Miguel Marquez	13029
64. Ruiz Guadalupe	same	24549
65. Saig A Oren	same	none
66. Salarbehzadi Javad M	same	11931
67. Salas Robert	Gerardo Ortiz	11246
68. Sanchez Martin James	Leonor James Sanchez	none
69. Senadeera Hiroshan K	same	none
70. Shahanijahromi Mehdi	A King Limo	17549
71. Shin Kun Seong	Kim Sun Hee	none
72. Song Nan Hee	Kim Song Kyun	none
73. Stiver William Michael	A/A Livery LLC Inc.	18850
74. Sun Liansheng	Qin Ming	none
75. Suo Yunfei	Guo Wenxian	none
76. Tam Clemencia Eugenia	Amy Tan	none
77. Treyunker Aleksandr	Hardrock International	17546
78. Ullberg Thomas Luceien	Cox Enterprises	none
79. Valdez Victor	Excel Limo	17829
80. Villaraos Jose Justo	same	none
81. Wang Changhe	same	none
82. Wilson Bruce Anthony	Rolando A Beckles Lsr	19898
83. Wyman Aaron Virgil	Hilltop Limo Svc Inc	1730
84. Xu Fusheng	same	none
85. Xu Zhi Yu	Lu Hui	none
86. Yang Chunping	same	none
87. Yi Soo Seung	same	none
88. Yi Soo Seung	same	none
89. Yoon Se Yung	same	none
90. Zanki Jacob	same	none

91. Zhang Jun Hui	Sakura Holidays	20371
92. Zheng Ming Chun	Zheng Yu Dong	none

### Phone Disconnect

In its ongoing efforts to clamp down on unlicensed passenger carriers, the CPUC had telephone service shut off to three limousine companies operating in California without a charter-party permit. Public Utilities Code Section 5371.6 provides that any person aggrieved by this action may file a complaint with the CPUC and request a hearing.

1. **Jerome Biel dba Personal Driver, Encinitas (Unlicensed):** Personal Driver has unlawfully advertised its transportation services in various media including flyers, business cards, and community bulletin boards. Notwithstanding CPUC staff cease and desist letters directing the defendant to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements, the defendant continues to violate the law as evidenced by a CPUC staff sting call. On December 11, 2008, CPUC staff obtained an order of “Finding of Probable Cause” signed by San Diego County Superior Court Judge Frank Brown. The order finds that telephone service at two numbers was being used to violate criminal laws in the State of California.
2. **Jaye Mark Uribe and Salvador Pareja dba Ace Limousine Service, Aces To Aces Limousine, and A-1 Del Mar Limousine, Monterey Park (Unlicensed):** The carrier advertised their unlicensed limousine service in various media including the Internet and the AT&T Yellow Pages directories (Greater Los Angeles September 2008, Greater San Gabriel Valley June 2008, Alhambra February 2008, and Pasadena February 2008). The carrier displayed an invalid permit number (TCP 7043) in its advertisements. Notwithstanding CPUC staff cease and desist letters directing carrier to immediately cease all unlawful advertisements and operations, the carrier continues to violate the law as evidenced by a consumer complaint and sting calls conducted by CPUC staff. On January 23, 2009, CPUC staff obtained an order of “Finding of Probable Cause” signed by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Maral Inejikian. The order finds that telephone service at five numbers was being used to violate criminal laws in the State of California.
3. **Absolute Limousine, LLC; Ritz Limousine, LLC; Mallory Mohr and Thomas Wetzel dba Absolute Limo and dba Ritz Limousine, Aliso Viejo (Unlicensed):** Thomas Lee Wetzel has a history of violating the CPUC’s rules and regulations. Notwithstanding administrative, civil, and criminal actions taken against Wetzel, he formed new companies and continues to willfully operate without CPUC authority. The carrier unlawfully advertised its limousine services on the Internet and has a listing in two issues of the AT&T Yellow Pages directories. On February 25, 2009, CPUC staff obtained an order of “Finding of Probable Cause” signed by Superior Court of Orange County Judge Craig E. Robison. The order finds that telephone service at three numbers and one fax number was being used to violate criminal laws in the State of California.

## Official Notice

Twenty-two companies were issued Official Notice for one or more of these violations:

1. Advertised limousine and taxi operations in same advertisement
2. Engaged unlicensed sub-carriers
3. Engaged workers without evidence of workers' compensation insurance
4. Failed to display TCP number on advertisements and vehicles
5. Failed to update equipment list
6. Failure to list physical address with the CPUC
7. Operated and advertised without a valid permit (prior to issuance, expired, unlicensed)
8. Operated like a taxi
9. Provided incidental transportation to its primary business without a permit
10. Served alcohol to minor (students) in vehicle
11. Waybill violations

Companies cited:

1. Adorian Executive Transportation LLC., Los Angeles (TCP 24432)
2. Air Ride Sedan Services, Inc., San Diego (TCP 19613)
3. Airport Commuter Inc., San Francisco (TCP 9225)
4. Anne Stachel dba Continental Limousine, Vista (TCP 8730)
5. Bruce Starsiak dba San Diego Scenic Tours, Inc., San Diego (TCP 10172)
6. Dasfrachtgut LLC dba Teacher with the Bus, San Francisco (TCP 20834)
7. Ed Comartin, President dba Coach USA, San Diego (TCP 16902)
8. Ethel Mae Williams dba EZ Limousine Service, Encino (TCP 24591)
9. Hugo Pareds dba Rockstar Limo, San Diego (TCP 21398)
10. James Seaton dba Sundance Stage Lines, Inc., San Diego (TCP 210)
11. Jeffrey Vanname dba The Drunk Driver Shuttle, San Diego (TCP 22889)
12. Jorge Rosales and Ruben Ramirez dba G & R Limousine, Stockton (Unlicensed)
13. Jose Gonzalez dba Airport Shuttle, San Diego (TCP 19613)
14. Kevin McClintock, President dba Goldfield Stage Company, El Cajon (TCP 208)
15. Laura Massino dba Architecture Tours L.A., Los Angeles (TCP 24735)
16. Monika Gyulai dba Entourage Transportation, Inc. (TCP 23120)
17. Naghi Air Eslami dba Del Mar Shuttle, San Diego (TCP 18713)
18. On Time Transportation Company, Lodi (Unlicensed)
19. Robert Haggerty dba Ryan's Express, Spring Valley (TCP 16124)
20. Syed Qurni dba Ready Ride Charter Fleet, Escondido (TCP 24541)
21. Tal Benarieh dba Del Mar Balloons (Sunballoon), Del Mar (TCP 24640)
22. Zeeshan Irshed dba Cherry Limousine, Redwood City (TCP 24426)

## Cease and Desist Notices

Forty-five companies were issued cease and desist notices for operating and advertising as a passenger carrier without a valid permit (unlicensed, suspended, revoked, denied, or expired).

Companies cited:

1. A Brilliant Limousine, San Diego (TCP 22323)
2. Admiral Limousine Service, Montclair (Unlicensed)
3. Alfredo Gamboa dba Pro Limousine, San Diego (Unlicensed)
4. Arnulfo Lepe Macedo dba Arnulfo Macedo, Chula Vista (Unlicensed)
5. Asfaw Taglo dba Gateway Transportation, Los Angeles (TCP 17804)
6. Bay Quackers LLC, San Francisco (TCP 18774 – Revoked)
7. Century 21 Tours, San Diego (TCP 13029)
8. Charles Phoenix dba Disneyland Tours of Downtown Los Angeles (Unlicensed)
9. Ciengan B. Ciengan dba Broadway Transportation, San Diego (TCP 21077)
10. Concord's Express, LLC, El Monte/San Ysidro (TCP 20549)
11. Don Inouye dba Valley Trolley LLC, Murrieta (TCP 21393)
12. Eduardo Iniguez and Hugo A. Iniguez dba Elegante Limousine Service, Downey (TCP 10546)
13. Ethan Soto dba Maxim Limousine, Oceanside (TCP 22467)
14. Gagik Ayrapetyan dba Westcoast Transportation Company, Hollywood (TCP 21340)
15. Ismael Ruiz dba National Public Safety, El Cajon (Unlicensed)
16. Jaime A. Vega, San Diego (Unlicensed)
17. Joaquin Heredia Leon, Modesto/San Diego (Unlicensed)
18. John Glenn dba Limousines By Anthony, San Diego (TCP 21229)
19. Juan Dominguez Reyes dba Juan Reyes, Perris (Unlicensed)
20. Julio Maza dba Julio Maxa, San Diego (Unlicensed)
21. La Nueva Concord Express, LLC, Chula Vista (TCP 24285)
22. Laura Massino dba Architecture Tours L.A., Los Angeles (Unlicensed)
23. Li's Group LLC dba Pacific Diamond Tour, San Francisco (TCP 23359)
24. Liberty Transportation Inc., West Hollywood (TCP 17282)
25. Limos America Sedan & Limousine Service Inc., Sebastopol (TCP 21300)
26. Lorenzo E. Morales dba The VIP Transportation Company, San Francisco (TCP 18800)
27. Magdy Shahin and Sherin Shahin dba ABC Sedan and Cab Co., Belmont (Unlicensed)
28. Mario Mazzara dba Limo By Mario, San Diego (Unlicensed)
29. Mathew Stonerock dba Stonerock Limousine Inc., Playa Del Rey (TCP 20886)
30. Mattar Nabil dba Happy Hour Limo, Corona (Unlicensed)
31. Mauricio L. Rivas, San Diego (Unlicensed)
32. Maximilian Fuentes dba Maximilian Fuentes, San Diego (Unlicensed)
33. Melvin Irving dba T I Limo Service, Compton (TCP 22617)
34. Mohamed Ibrahim & Fleur Slabon dba A Express Airport Limo, Santa Clara (TCP 19667)
35. Puma Lines, Hawthorne (TCP 22170)
36. Rahshad A. Muhammad dba Supreme Wisdom Transport, Rancho Cucamonga (TCP 24091)

37. Rebecca Rodas dba Rodas Transportation, Rialto (Unlicensed)
38. Roy Martin Carroll dba Magic Coach Transportation, Rancho Cucamonga (TCP 12981)
39. San Diego Sweet 16 Limo, San Diego (Unlicensed)
40. Santiago Padilla dba Santiago Padilla, San Diego (Unlicensed)
41. Shiri R. Rupan dba Red Eye Limo, Hayward (Unlicensed)
42. Ted Wayne Millican dba Admiral Limousine Service, Montclair (TCP 15643)
43. Turismo El Dorado, San Ysidro (TCP 22330)
44. Universal Latin Limousine LLC, Cerritos (TCP 24862)
45. Willie Cleveland Merritt dba Reliable Tours, Hayward (TCP 14515-Revoked/18138-Expired)

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