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Border Shuttle Driver Found Guilty of Wildcatting

City Attorney protects consumers against illegal and unsafe taxi service

A Los Angeles man operating an unlicensed, uninspected taxi service at the international border was prosecuted by the San Diego City Attorney's Office and ordered to shut down his illegal enterprise.

A San Diego Superior Court jury convicted Norberto Romero Corona of offering to sell transportation services without a permit and soliciting within the Border Public Safety Zone in San Ysidro.

Superior Court Judge Yvonne Esperanza Campos fined Mr. Corona \$1,000, and ordered him to stay away from the Border Public Safety Zone (except for purposes of crossing the border himself). He also received three years of probation.

Concerned about public safety and unfair competition at the international border, the City Attorney's Office, in partnership with the San Diego Police Department's Southern Division, has committed additional resources to enhance enforcement of state and local laws there.

Wildcatting is the unlawful selling of transportation services.

Wildcatters troll near the border pedestrian crossing looking for customers who need to get to cities across California. They quote low prices, gaining an unfair advantage over licensed shuttles, taxis, and ride-sharing providers. Their low prices are possible because many drivers are not permitted or inspected, and many do not have insurance.

"Transportation services must operate in a safe and legal way," City Attorney Mara W. Elliott said. **"Our Office will prosecute anyone who competes unfairly with taxi services."**

The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Michael D. Neumeyer and Volunteer Attorney Martin S. Nuñez of the Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit.

The City Attorney's Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit maintains a hotline at (619) 533-5600, for community members to report fraud, waste, or environmental violations. The duties of the unit include investigating and prosecuting false advertising, unfair business practices, and environmental crimes. More information on making a complaint, including a Complaint Form in English and Spanish can be found at [The City Attorney's Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit](#) page.

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