

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Determining the Proper
Carrier Classification of, and Complaint
for Penalties Against:

JUMPIN' JOEY'S LLC
d/b/a LYMELIGHT PARTY BUS

DOCKET TE-220497

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL
DOTSON

I, Michael Dotson, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to testify to the facts contained herein.
2. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as a Compliance Investigator in the Transportation Safety Division. As a Compliance Investigator, my responsibilities include conducting investigations into the operations of regulated and unregulated transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigate charter party or excursion service carriers that may be operating without the required Commission-issued certificate.
3. On January 6, 2021, I sent a compliance letter to Joey Bowers, owner of Jumpin' Joey's LLC d/b/a Lymelight Party Bus (Jumpin' Joey's or Company) at 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Rd. SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092.¹ The compliance letter stated that Commission staff believed Jumpin' Joey's was engaging in passenger transportation services that required a Commission-issued certificate, and required Joey Bowers to respond no later than January 17, 2021, to avoid enforcement action by the Commission.
4. On January 13, 2021, I spoke with Joey Bowers at telephone number (253) 315-5541. Joey Bowers stated that he started advertising too early, thinking that the Covid pandemic would have been done. He explained that the pictures on his Facebook page were of his own family, which I was able to confirm based on previous videos and postings. He stated that he would work to come into compliance when the charter/excursion industry re-opened.²
5. On May 11, 2022, I visited the Company's Facebook photo page, and observed posted photos of a party bus in use. The photos demonstrate the Company operating the bus in violation of Commission rules.³

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of the compliance letter, dated January 6, 2021.

² See Attachment B for a copy of notes from Motor Carrier Investigations database dated January 13, 2021

³ See Attachment C for a copy of Facebook photos captured on May 11, 2022.

6. On May 11, 2022, I contacted Jumpin' Joey's through its Facebook page and asked if the Company could provide transportation for around 18 to 20 passengers in Seattle. Jumpin' Joey's responded immediately and suggested I follow the Instagram account "Lymelight_PartyBus" or text "Arthur" directly at phone number 253-414-2662."⁴
7. On May 19, 2022, I visited the Lymelight Party Bus Instagram page at www.instagram.com/lymelight_partybus. On the Company's Instagram front page, the Company states that they provide luxury transportation in Seattle and Tacoma with a listed price of \$175 per hour.⁵
8. On May 19, 2022, I visited the Company's Instagram photo page, and observed posted photos of a party bus in use, one of which is identical to a photo featured on the Company's Facebook photos page. The photos demonstrate the Company operating the bus in violation of Commission rules.⁶
9. On May 19, 2022, I contacted the Company at (253) 414-2662 via text-message using a proxy phone number and asked if the Company could provide transportation for 18-20 passengers from Tacoma to Seattle for five to six hours on June 17 or June 24. The Company responded and suggested that we try for a Saturday date and confirmed via "Like" that the \$175 per hour price was accurate.⁷
10. On June 30, 2022, I searched Washington Department of Revenue's (DOR) Business Licensing Service for UBI number 604-891-355, which produced records showing that Jumpin' Joey's has an active business license. The record showed Joseph Bowers as the governing person with an address of 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Rd. SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092.⁸
11. On July 19, 2022, I visited the Company's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/jumpinjoeys1. On the Facebook page's front page, Jumpin' Joey's provided the phone number (253) 315-5541; matching Joey Bowers phone number.⁹
12. On July 19, 2022, I searched Commission records, which showed that Jumpin' Joey's did not have the required authority to provide charter party or excursion carrier service in the state of Washington.¹⁰

⁴ See Attachment D for a copy of the Facebook conversation, captured on May 11, 2022.

⁵ See Attachment E for copy of the Company's Instagram "front" page, captured on July 19, 2022.

⁶ See Attachment F for a copy of Instagram photos captured on May 19, 2022.

⁷ See Attachment G for a copy of the text message conversation, captured on May 19, 2022.

⁸ See Attachment H for a copy of DOR's Business Licensing Service, captured on June 30, 2022.

⁹ See Attachment I for a copy of the Facebook "front" page, captured on July 19, 2022.

¹⁰ See Attachment J for a copy of the Commission records documenting the Company's unregulated status, captured on July 17, 2022.

13. On July 19, 2022, I searched the Washington Department of Licensing's DRIVES application for vehicle information on Joseph Bowers, which produced records showing ownership of a cutaway Ford Econoline registered at the physical and mailing address of 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Rd. SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092, and showed a current registration.¹¹
14. Based on paragraphs 3 through 13 above, Commission staff finds that Jumpin' Joey's operated as a charter party or excursion service carrier in the state of Washington without first obtaining the required certificate from the Commission.

DATED this 22nd day of August 2022, at Lacey, Washington.

/s/ Michael Dotson
MICHAEL DOTSON

¹¹ See Attachment K for a copy of the Department of Licensing's DRIVES report, captured on July 19, 2022.

ATTACHMENT A



STATE OF WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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January 6, 2021

Joey Bowers
Jumpin' Joey's Party Rentals
37831 Auburn Enumclaw Rd. SE
Auburn, WA 98092

**RE: Charter and Excursion Carrier Services
Second Notice**

Dear Joey Bowers:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) believes that you are providing passenger transportation services that require charter and excursion authority from the Commission. The purpose of this letter is to learn more about the passenger transportation services your company offers and to provide technical assistance with respect to Washington's passenger transportation licensing requirements.

As defined in WAC 480-30-036, one or more of the vehicles advertised and operated by your company requires a charter and excursion certificate from the Commission. Any company that operates a "vehicle with a manufacturer's seating capacity for eight or more passengers, including the driver, used on the public highways, for the transportation of persons for compensation", requires a charter and excursion certificate from the Commission.

Commission records show that you have not obtained the **required** certificate to operate as a charter and excursion carrier. Providing these services without a certificate is illegal, considered a gross misdemeanor, and punishable as defined in RCW 81.70.220 and WAC 480-30-246. Each violation of RCW 81.70.220 is subject to a penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation.

To avoid enforcement action by the Commission, no later than January 17, 2021, please do one of the following:

- Submit a completed application, file proof of insurance, and include the application fee to the Commission. For questions about the application process, please contact our Licensing Services staff at (360) 664-1222

Joey Bowers
Jumpin' Joey's Party Rentals
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OR

- Explain in writing why you believe your business does not require passenger transportation authority from the Commission. Please explain the nature of your operations in detail. Direct your written response to Michael Dotson, Compliance Investigator, by email at michael.dotson@utc.wa.gov. Michael Dotson can be reached by phone at (360) 480-5420.

If you have any further questions or comments about our findings, please contact Mr. Dotson at the above email address.

Sincerely,



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Jason (UTC)
Date: 2021.01.06
12:10:14 -08'00'

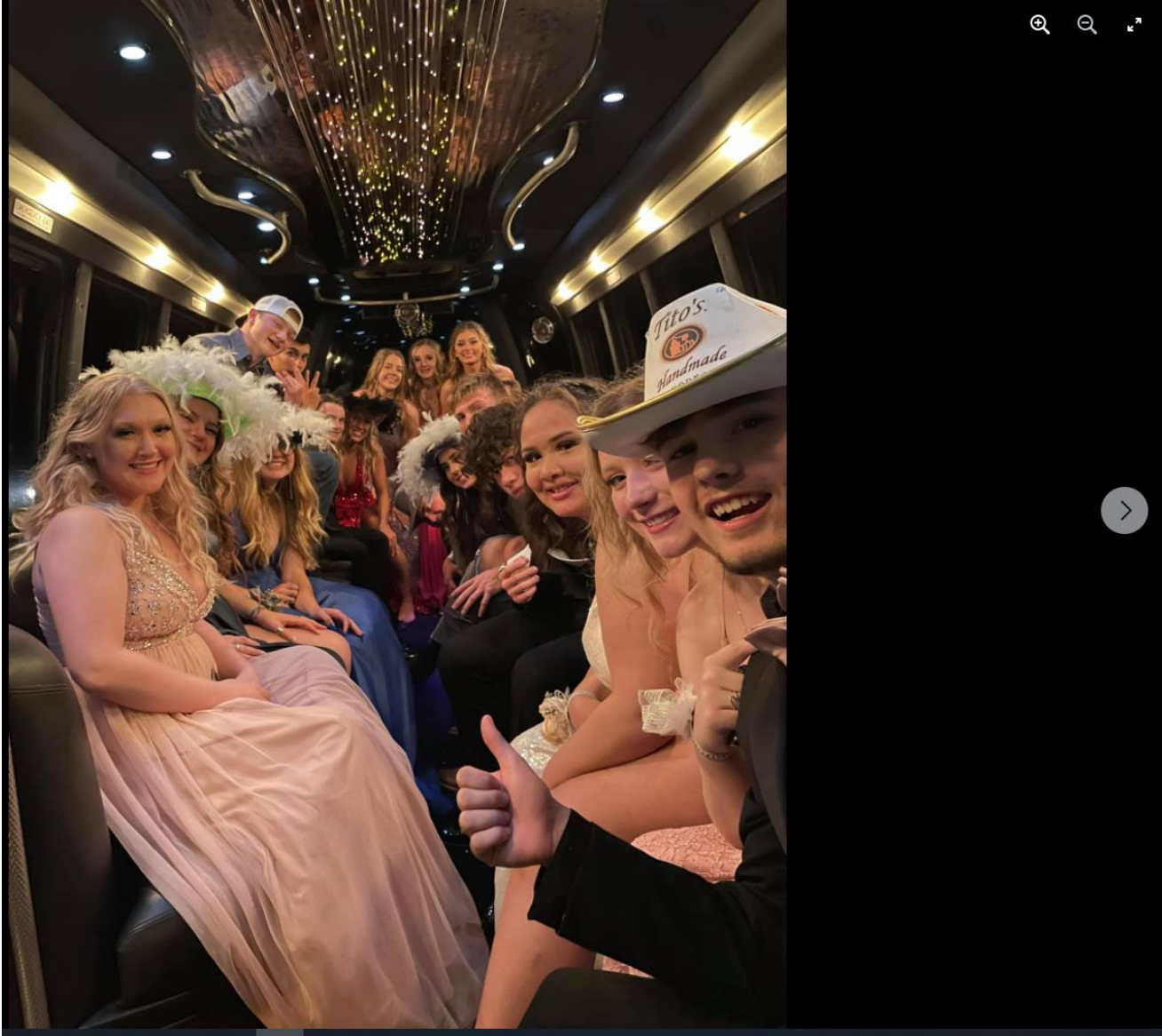
JASON SHARP
Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT B

Activity Date	1/13/2021 3:00 PM
Title	Spoke with owner Joe Bowers
Activity Status	Complete
Activity Due Date	
Activity Type	Phone call
Activity Mode	
Activity Contact Name	Joe Bowers
Activity Contact Email	
Activity Contact Phone	253-315-5541
Activity Contact Address	
Activity Contact Location	
Desc	Spoke with owner Joe Bowers. Says that he jumped the gun with his advertisements, thinking that Covid would be done. The most recent pictures are of he and his family going to see Christmas lights. Can confirm that the child in the front looks like his Son, referenced in a previous video from the Facebook page. He seemed interested in coming into compliance when things open up. Will follow-up with a ride request in a few weeks, and will follow-up when Covid slows down if he hasn't registered.
UTC Staff Members	■ Dotson, Michael (UTC)

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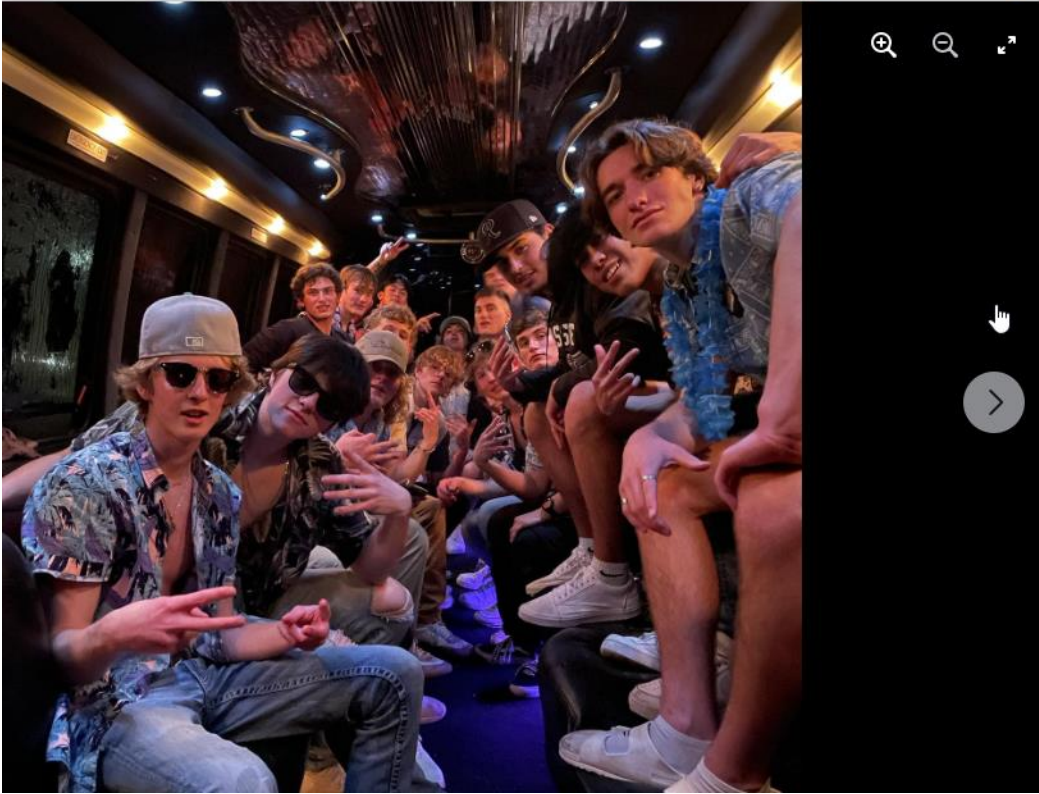


Jumpin' Joey's
May 16 · 🌐

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Like

Write a comment
Press Enter to post.



This photo is from a post. [View post](#)

Jumpin' Joey's
April 17 at 2:20 PM ·

Like Comment Share

Write a comment...

Press Enter to post.

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The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post and an overlaid message window. The Facebook post is from 'Jumpin' Joey's', a business with a 5-star rating and 1.8K likes. The post text reads: 'We have a 15x15 bounce house, 36x13 combo bounce house that's 36x13 and 18 feet tall. Soon we will be getting a sn...'. Below the text is a 'Message' button. The post is sponsored by 'IG Kyle Brown'. The bio of the profile says 'it's here! Suite 505 just press play. LINK IN BIO'. Below the bio is a video thumbnail with the number '50' in large, metallic, 3D-style digits. The overlaid message window is titled 'Jumpin' Joey's' and shows a message from the user: 'Hey there, I saved this page a while ago when I saw you had a party bus. I'm looking to do a bachelor party sometime next month for a college buddy of mine up in...'. The message window also shows the business's profile information, including the name 'Jumpin' Joey's', '1.8K people like this', and 'Typically replies within a few hours'.

Jumpin' Joey's
Product/service · 5 out of 5 · 37.3 mi · Open now · 1.8K like this

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Message

IG Kyle Brown
Sponsored ·

it's here! Suite 505 just press play. LINK IN BIO

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Jumpin' Joey's
1.8K people like this
Typically replies within a few hours
Product/service

Hey! Welcome to my bounce houses feel free to look through all the photos and let me know which unit you are interested in!

Hey there, I saved this page a while ago when I saw you had a party bus. I'm looking to do a bachelor party sometime next month for a college buddy of mine up in...



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Jumpin' Joey's ▾



Jumpin' Joey's

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Product/service

Hey! Welcome to my bounce houses feel free to look through all the photos and let me know which unit you are interested in I

college buddy of mine up in ^
Seattle. Is that something
you could help out with?
Probably around 18 of it
(maybe one or two more if
your rig can can fit it.)





Jumpin' Joey's



allow you a text if I don't hear back. Thanks, Jake



May 11, 2022, 1:48 PM

Follow our party bus Instagram page

Lymelight_PartyBus

I post pics & videos of our buses. Along with price

Or you can text me direct

Arthur - 253-414-2662





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https://www.instagram.com/lymelight_partybus/

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54 posts 220 followers 231 following

Lymelight Transportation
Providing Luxury Transportation In The Seattle-Tacoma Areas. Local pickup \$175hr with a minimum of 3 hours. @arthur_Sanchez1
[asanchez0012.wixsite.com/limelightpartybus](https://www.wixsite.com/limelightpartybus)

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https://www.instagram.com/p/Ccd2y7yPWW7/

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Buca di Beppo

lymelight_partybus Happy 18th Birthday @theoweymiller 🥳🎂
Edited · 4w

theoweymiller Great night bro 🍷
4w 1 like Reply

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dz.loading Goated bus driver 🙌🔥
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Add a comment... Post



lymelight_partybus

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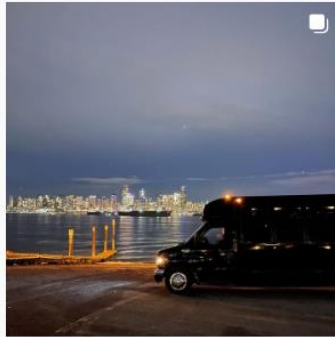


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Lymelight Transportation

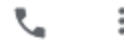
Providing Luxury Transportation In The Seattle-Tacoma Areas. Local pickup \$175hr with a minimum of 3 hours. @arthur_Sanchez1 asanchez20012.wixsite.com/limelightpartybus

POSTS VIDEOS TAGGED



ATTACHMENT G

(253) 414-2662



Hey Arthur, I was looking to book your bus next month sometime for a bachelor party. Looking for around 18-20 of us for 5 or 6 hours on the night of June 17 or 24 if possible.



May 19, 12:24 PM

Both days are available

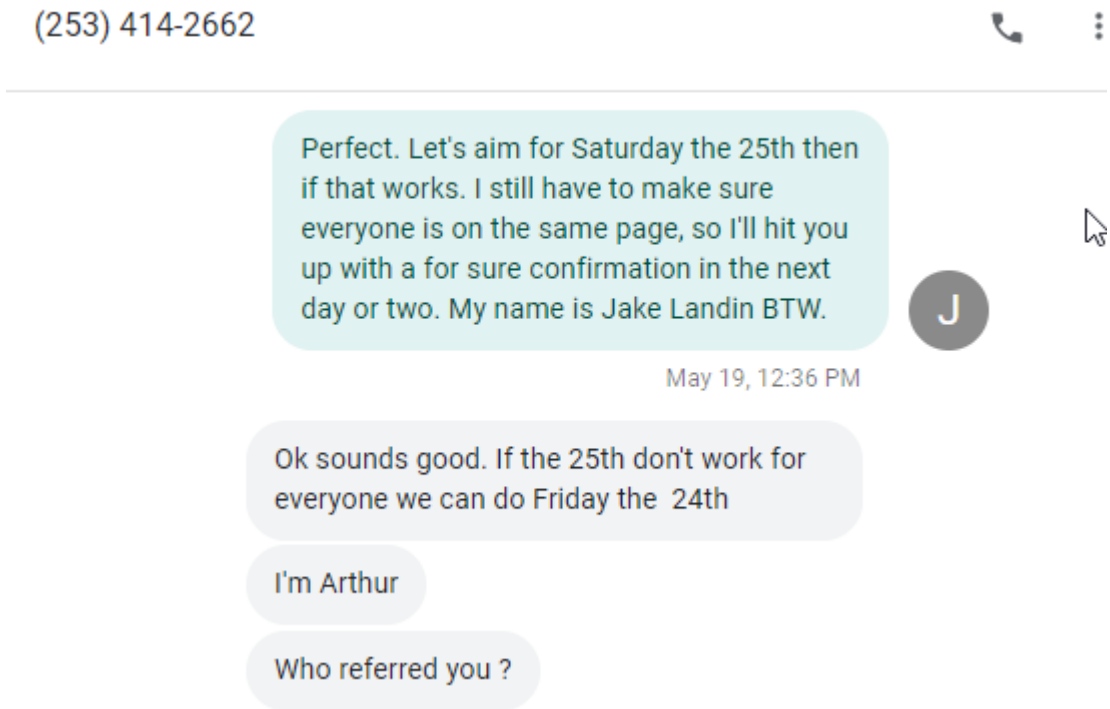
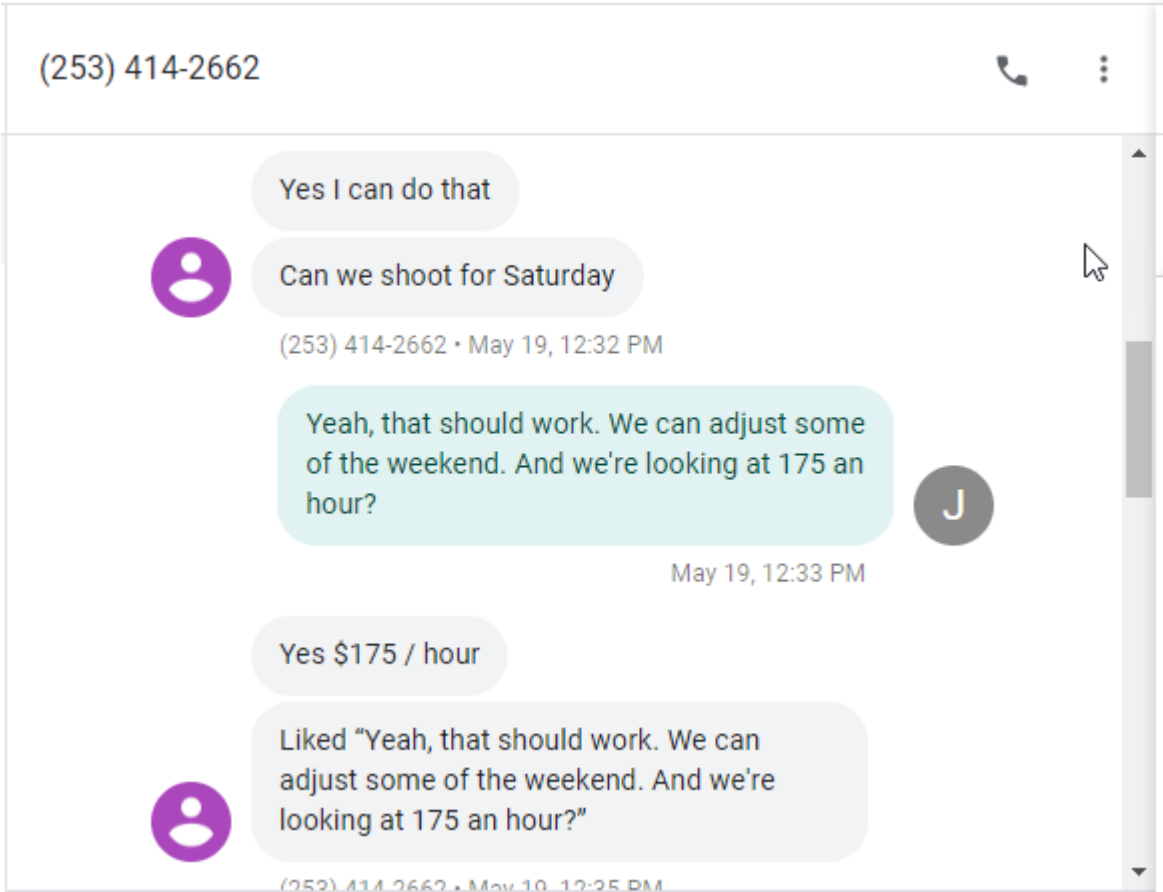


What time would pickup be?

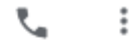
(253) 414-2662 • May 19, 12:25 PM

Can you do a pick-up in Tacoma, hit some bars and stuff in Seattle and drop back in Tacoma? I'm thinking pick-up around 7? We're old so we're not super late-night.





(253) 414-2662



I randomly saw the pictures on the bouncy house page and messaged last week, you told me to check out your instagram page/text you.



May 19, 12:45 PM

Liked "I randomly saw the pictures on the bouncy house page and messaged last week, you told me to check out your instagram page/text you."

So we can do Friday if that works better for your group



Sorry about that

(253) 414-2662 • May 19, 12:45 PM

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< Business Lookup

License Information:

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Entity name: JUMPIN' JOEY'S LLC

Business name: JUMPIN' JOEY'S LLC

Entity type: Limited Liability Company

UBI #: 604-891-355

Business ID: 001

Location ID: 0001

Location: Active

Location address: 37831 AUBURN ENUMCLAW RD SE
AUBURN WA 98092

Mailing address: 37831 AUBURN ENUMCLAW RD SE
AUBURN WA 98092

Excise tax and reseller permit status: [Click here](#)

Secretary of State status: [Click here](#)

Governing People May include governing people not registered with Secretary of State


Governing people	Title
BOWERS, JOSEPH	

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https://www.facebook.com/jumpinjoey1

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Jumpin' Joey's

@jumpinjoey1 · ★ 5 22 reviews · Product/service

Send message

Hi! Please let us know how we can help.

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About


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- 📘 We have a 15×15 bounce house, 36×13 combo bounce house by 14 tall and a water slide thats 36×13 and 18 feet tall. Soon we will be getting a snow cone ... See more
- 👍 2,066 people like this
- 👤 2,148 people follow this
- 🌐 <http://jumping-joey.com/>
- 📞 (253) 315-5541
- 🕒 Typically replies within a few hours

Send message

Create post


Photo/video | Check in | Tag friends



Jumpin' Joey's

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Happy 2nd birthday Lily 🎂 🥳 🎉 🎈 🎁



ATTACHMENT J

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Title* Jumpin' Joey's LLC

DBA Names Lymelight Party Bus

Company Legacy ID

Unified Business Identifier 604-891-355

Regulatory Status Unregulated

Contact Name Joseph Bowers

Contact Title

Contact Phone 253-315-5541

Contact E-Mail Address LimelightPartyBusNW@Gmail.com

Contact Fax

Address Change Date

Physical Address Street 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE

Physical Address City Auburn

Physical Address State WA

ATTACHMENT K

< Search for a driver or vehicle

Vehicle Information

VIN	Scale Weight	GVWR
1FDWE45F33HB54235	8560	Class 3 - 10,001 - 14,000
Model Year	Color 1	Gross Weight
2003	BLACK	12000
Make	Color 2	Equipment #
FORD		
Model	Use Type	Fleet #
ECONOLINE	Truck	
Body Style	Value Year	Value Code
Cutaway	2020	2900.0000
Current Odometer	Previous Odometer	
0	0	

Title Information

Last Transaction	Last Tran Date	County
Vehicle Renewal	15-Jan-2022	17
Previous Transaction	Previous Tran Date	Status
Vehicle Renewal Notice	12-Aug-2021	Issued
Total Fees Paid	Months of Reg	
110.50	9	
Title #	Title Issued	
1796970874	06-Oct-2020	

Registered Owner

Registered	:	JOSEPH MICHAEL BOWERS
Mailing Address	Residential Address	
37831 AUBURN ENUMCLAW RD SE AUBURN WA 98092-9469 Location Code: 4000	37831 AUBURN ENUMCLAW RD SE AUBURN WA 98092-9469 Location Code: 4000	