BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 JASON HOXIT

- I, Jason Hoxit, 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. I have reviewed Michael Dotson's investigation of Jumpin' Joey's LLC d/b/a Lymelight Party Bus (Jumpin' Joey's or Company) in its entirety and have reviewed other supporting documentation uploaded by Michael Dotson to the Motor Carrier Investigations database.
- 4. On October 1, 2020, Jumpin' Joey's posted an advertisement for a black Ford Econoline bus to its Facebook page. The Company's post stated, "Now we have something for the grown-ups the [sic] party in."
- 5. On October 16, 2020, Jumpin' Joey's posted an advertisement for a white stretch Chevrolet Tahoe to its Facebook page.² The Company's post stated, "If you're a tree hugger and you love the environment we got you with a smooth sailing HYBRID. STRECH [sic] TAHOE."
- 6. On October 29, 2020, Michael Dotson uploaded an advertisement from Facebook Marketplace for party rentals, which was posted from Joey Bowers' Facebook account the week prior. The advertisement included a picture of the interior of a party bus matching the Ford Econoline bus owned by Joey Bowers, listed a price of \$120, and the description

¹ See Attachment A for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's advertisement of its black Ford Econoline bus, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

² See Attachment B for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's advertisement of its white stretch Chevrolet Tahoe, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

³ See Attachment C for a copy of the Facebook Marketplace advertisement, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

stated, "20 foot high movie screen bounce house slides party bus and more Party Rental stuff."

- 7. On October 29, 2020, Michael Dotson uploaded screenshots of Washington Department of Licensing's (DOL) DRIVES application for vehicle information on Joseph Michael Bowers (Joey Bowers), which produced records showing ownership of a black cutaway Ford Econoline with license plate number C87077U registered at the physical and mailing address of 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092; and showed ownership of a white Chevrolet Tahoe with license plate number BUB0358 registered at the physical and mailing address of 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092.⁴
- 8. On January 4, 2021, Joey Bowers posted a picture with a black Ford Econoline bus and a white stretch Chevrolet Tahoe with license plate number BUB0358 to Joey Bowers' Facebook page.⁵
- 9. On January 6, 2021, Michael Dotson sent a compliance letter to Jumpin' Joey's at 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Rd. SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092. The compliance letter stated that Commission staff (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.
- 10. On January 13, 2021, Michael Dotson spoke with Joey Bowers at telephone number (253) 315-5541. During the phone conversation, Mr. Dotson documented that Joey Bowers stated that Jumpin' Joey's started advertising too early thinking the COVID pandemic would have ended, stated Jumpin' Joey's would come into compliance when the charter and excursion industry re-opened, and explained that the pictures on Facebook were of family.⁷
- 11. On September 20, 2021, I received an email stating that Jumpin' Joey's transported a group of passengers to the Jason Aldean concert at the White River Amphitheater on September 17, 2021. The email included a picture of a white stretch Chevrolet Tahoe with license plate number BUB0358 parked at the White River Amphitheater with people gathered around the vehicle.

⁴ See Attachment D for vehicle information on motor vehicles registered to Joey Bowers, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

⁵ See Attachment E for a copy of the Facebook photo showing Joey Bowers with a black Ford Econoline bus and a white stretch Chevrolet Tahoe, captured on September 28, 2022.

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

⁷ See Attachment G for a copy of notes from Motor Carrier Investigations database, dated January 13, 2021.

⁸ See Attachment H for a copy of the email, dated September 20, 2021.

- 12. On December 11, 2021, Jumpin' Joey's posted to its Facebook page a picture of a group in the party bus with the caption, "Family Night Watching Holiday Lights!" ⁹
- 13. On December 22, 2021, the Company posted a picture of a different group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Another Fun Ride To Spanaway Holiday Lights!" ¹⁰
- 14. On January 15, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted to its Facebook page a picture of a group in the party bus with the caption, "Happy 11th Birthday Cruise Down Ruston Way with Quick Stop For Ice Cream!" 11
- 15. On January 16, 2022, the Company posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Sunday Funday!" 12
- 16. On January 19, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted a video of the interior of a party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Wood Floors, 2 Dance Poles, Wrap Around Leather Seats...The True Party Bus Added To Our Fleet!" The interior of the bus in the video differed from the pictures of the party bus owned by Joey Bowers.
- 17. On January 22, 2022, the Company posted to its Facebook page pictures of a group in the party bus with the caption, "Good Times With Celebrity Cheer Unlimited Competition Day! Pulled Up To The Next Level Championships In Style!"¹⁴
- 18. On January 29, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Happy 15th Birthday." ¹⁵
- 19. On February 5, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted to its Facebook page a picture of a group in the party bus with the caption, "Dinner Date El Gauchos!" ¹⁶
- 20. On February 21, 2022, the Company posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "If you not talking money...you not making cents." ¹⁷
- 21. On March 11, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Nice Drive & Gorgeous Night at Alki." 18

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⁹ See Attachment I for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated December 11, 2021.

¹⁰ See Attachment J for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated December 22, 2021.

¹¹ See Attachment K for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated January 15, 2022.

¹² See Attachment L for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated January 16, 2022.

¹³ See Attachment M for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated January 19, 2022.

¹⁴ See Attachment N for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated January 22, 2022.

¹⁵ See Attachment O for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated January 29, 2022.

¹⁶ See Attachment P for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated February 5, 2022.

¹⁷ See Attachment Q for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated February 21, 2022.

¹⁸ See Attachment R for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated March 11, 2022.

- 22. On March 26, 2022, the Company posted to its Facebook page a picture of a group in the party bus with the caption, "Happy Quinceañera." 19
- On April 1, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted a giveaway for two free bouncy house rentals to its Facebook page. The Company's post provided a link to its Instagram page, instagram.com/jumpin_joeys1, and included the hashtag "#PartyBusRental."²⁰
- 24. On April 17, 2022, the Company posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Happy 18th Birthday Theo! Cruise Around Seattle & Dinner at Buca di Beppo."²¹
- 25. On April 17, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted to its Facebook page a picture of Joey Bowers' property at 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092, with two black buses parked in the background.²² One the buses pictured has a license plate number of CAP1448, which is registered to Arthur Sanchez at the physical and mailing address of 480 Garland Place, Enumclaw, Washington, 98022.²³
- 26. On April 30, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted to its Facebook page a reminder for its giveaway of two free bouncy house rentals and included the hashtag "#PartyBusRental."²⁴
- 27. On May 11, 2022, Michael Dotson contacted Jumpin' Joey's through its Facebook page and inquired if the Company could provide transportation for around 18 to 20 passengers in Seattle. Jumpin' Joey's responded, and suggested Mr. Dotson "Follow our party bus Instagram page Lymelight_PartyBus" or text "Arthur" at phone number (253) 414-2662. 25
- 28. On May 19, 2022, Michael Dotson visited the Company's Instagram page at www.instagram.com/lymelight_partybus. On the Company's Instagram front page, the Company used a picture of a black Ford Econoline bus with license plate number C87077U as its profile picture, ²⁶ stated that it provides luxury transportation in the Seattle and Tacoma areas, and listed a price of \$175 per hour. ²⁷

¹⁹ See Attachment S for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated March 26, 2022.

²⁰ See Attachment T for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated April 1, 2022.

²¹ See Attachment U for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated April 17, 2022.

²² See Attachment V for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated April 17, 2022.

²³ See Attachment W for vehicle information on the black 1997 Ford Econoline bus with license plate number CAP1448, captured on October 6, 2022.

²⁴ See Attachment X for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated April 30, 2022.

²⁵ See Attachment Y for a copy of the Facebook conversation with Jumpin' Joey's, captured on May 11, 2022.

²⁶ See Attachment D for vehicle information on the black 2003 Ford Econoline bus registered to Joey Bowers with license plate number C87077U, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

²⁷ See Attachment Z for copy of the Company's Instagram front page, captured on July 19, 2022.

- 29. On May 19, 2022, Michael Dotson visited the Company's Instagram photo page and observed pictures of a party bus in use, ²⁸ with at least three pictures identical to pictures posted on Jumpin' Joey's Facebook page. ²⁹ The Company has since removed the Instagram page located at www.instagram.com/lymelight_partybus. ³⁰
- 30. On May 19, 2022, Michael Dotson 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. That same afternoon, the Company responded and suggested that the group try for a Saturday date and confirmed that the \$175 per hour price was accurate.³¹
- 31. On June 12, 2022, Jumpin' Joey's posted a picture of a group in the party bus to its Facebook page with the caption, "Happy Birthday!"³²
- 32. On June 30, 2022, Michael Dotson 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 Joey Bowers as the governing person with a physical and mailing address of 37831 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE, Auburn, Washington, 98092.³³
- 33. On July 19, 2022, Michael Dotson 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.³⁴
- 34. On September 28, 2022, I visited the Company's Instagram page at www.instagram.com/jumpin_joeys1, and found that Jumpin' Joey's is following the Instagram account, limelight ent.³⁵
- 35. On September 28, 2022, I visited the Company's Instagram page at www.instagram.com/lymelight ent.³⁶ On the Instagram page, the Company used a picture of

²⁸ See Attachment AA for a copy of Instagram photos captured on May 19, 2022.

²⁹ See Attachment R, Attachment S, and Attachment U.

³⁰ See Attachment AB for a screenshot of Instagram showing no results found for the account lymelight partybus, captured on October 6, 2022.

³¹ See Attachment AC for a copy of the text message conversation, captured on May 19, 2022.

³² See Attachment AD for a copy of Jumpin' Joey's Facebook post, dated June 12, 2022.

³³ See Attachment AE for a copy of DOR's Business Licensing Service, captured on June 30, 2022.

³⁴ See Attachment AF for a copy of the Commission records documenting the Company's unregulated status, captured on July 19, 2022.

³⁵ See Attachment AG for copy of the Jumpin' Joey's Instagram page, captured on September 28, 2022.

³⁶ See Attachment AH for a copy of the Instagram page, limelight_ent, captured on September 28, 2022.

a black Ford Econoline bus with license plate number C87077U as its profile picture³⁷ and posted at least 11 pictures that are identical to pictures used on Jumpin' Joey's Facebook page.³⁸

- 36. On October 7, 2022, I searched DOR's Business Licensing Service for any business with the name "Lymelight," which did not produce any records for Lymelight Party Bus.³⁹
- 37. Based on paragraphs 4 through 36 above, 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 7th day of October 2022, at Lacey, Washington.

/s/ Jason Hoxit JASON HOXIT

³⁷ See Attachment D for vehicle information on the black 2003 Ford Econoline bus registered to Joey Bowers with license plate number C87077U, uploaded by Michael Dotson on October 29, 2020.

³⁸ See Attachment I, Attachment J, Attachment K, Attachment L, Attachment M, Attachment O, Attachment P, Attachment Q, Attachment R, Attachment S, and Attachment U.

³⁹ See Attachment AI for a copy of DOR's Business Licensing Service, captured on October 7, 2022.

Attachment A



Now we have something for the grown-ups the party in



Attachment B



If you're a tree hugger and you love the environment we got you with a smooth sailing HYBRID. STRECH TAHOE

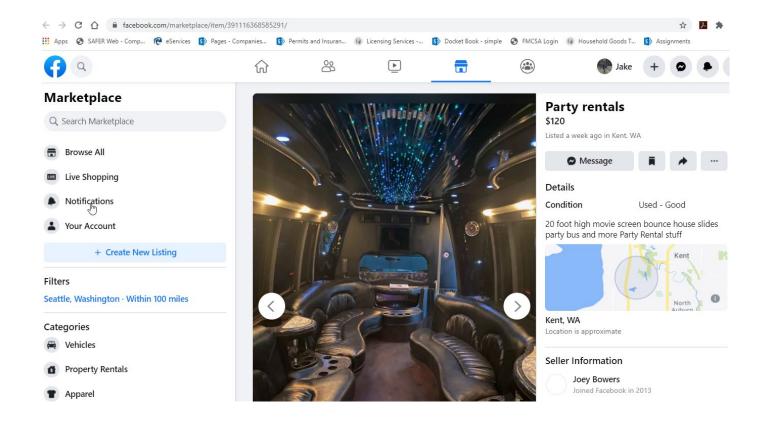




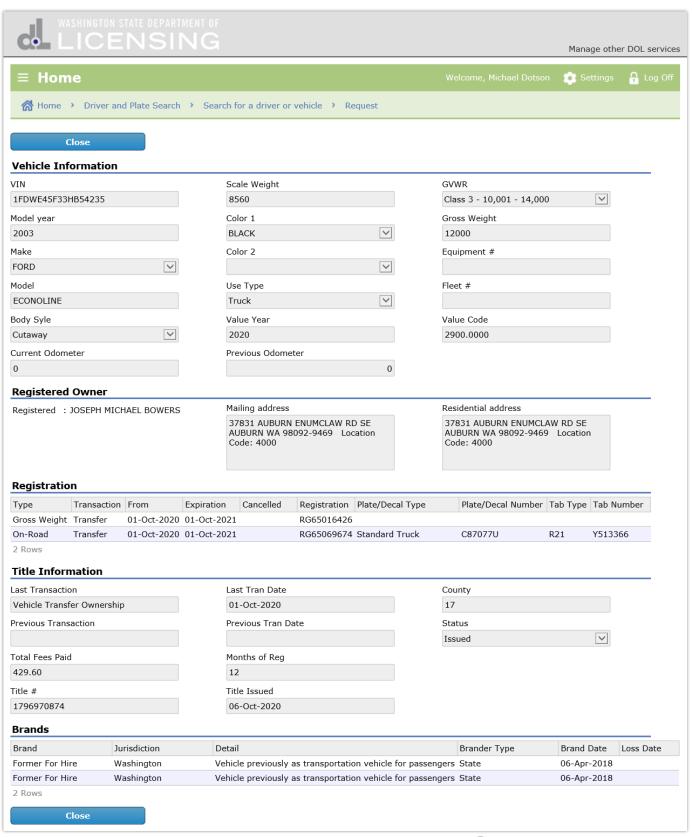




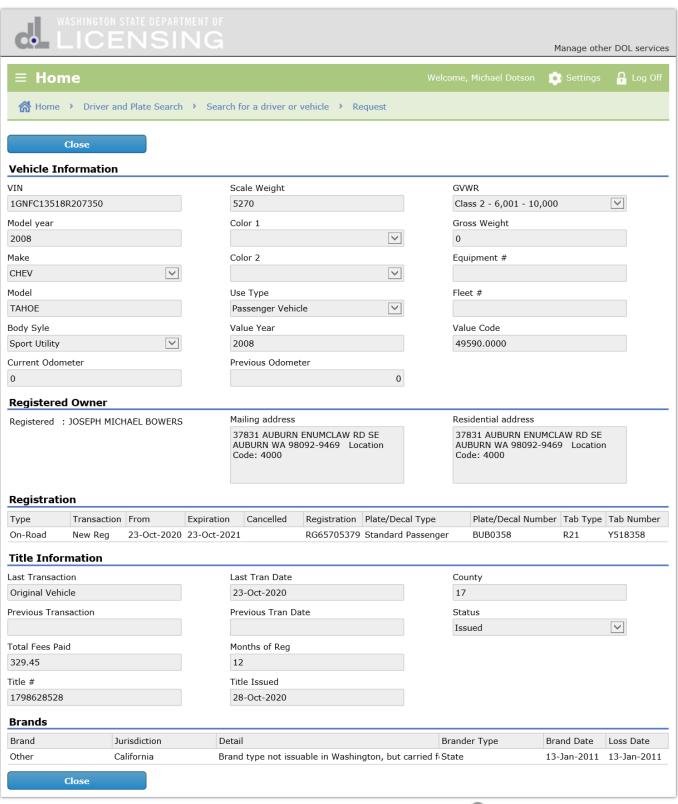
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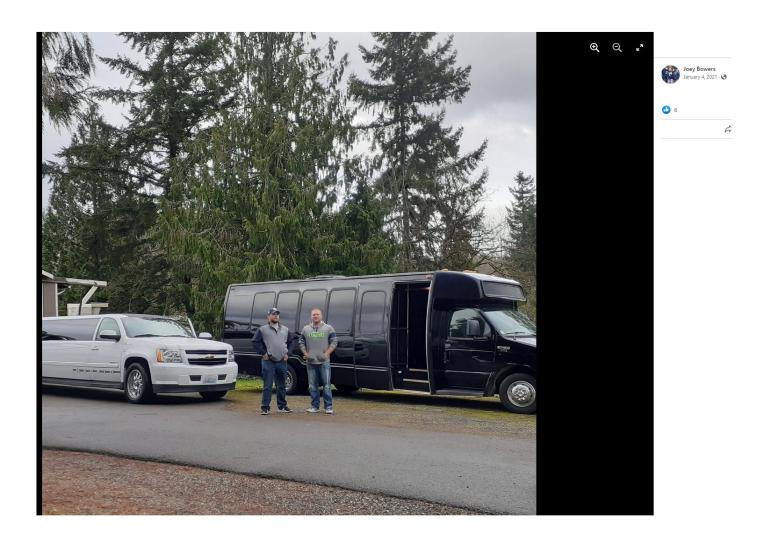
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January 6, 2021

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 Page 2

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,

Digitally signed by Sharp, Jason (UTC) Date: 2021.01.06 12:10:14-08'00'

JASON SHARP Motor Carrier Safety Supervisor

Enclosure

Attachment G

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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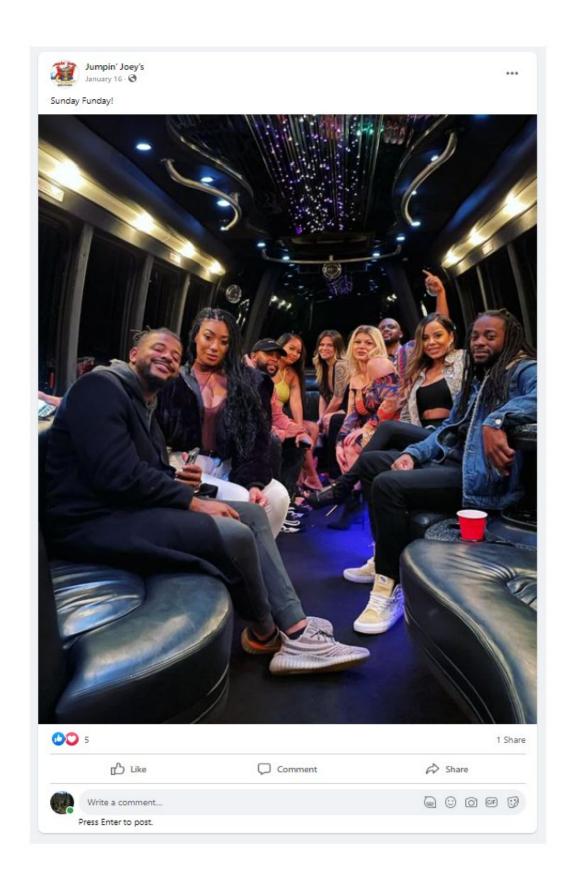
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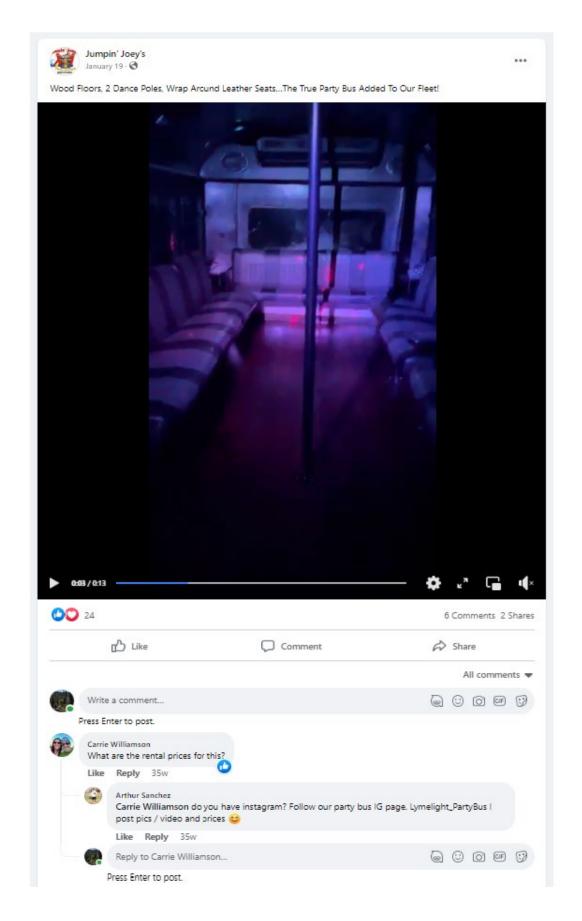
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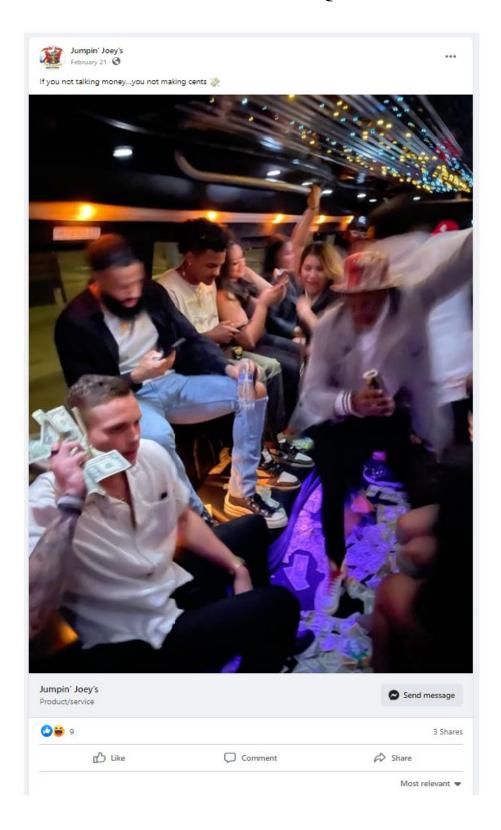
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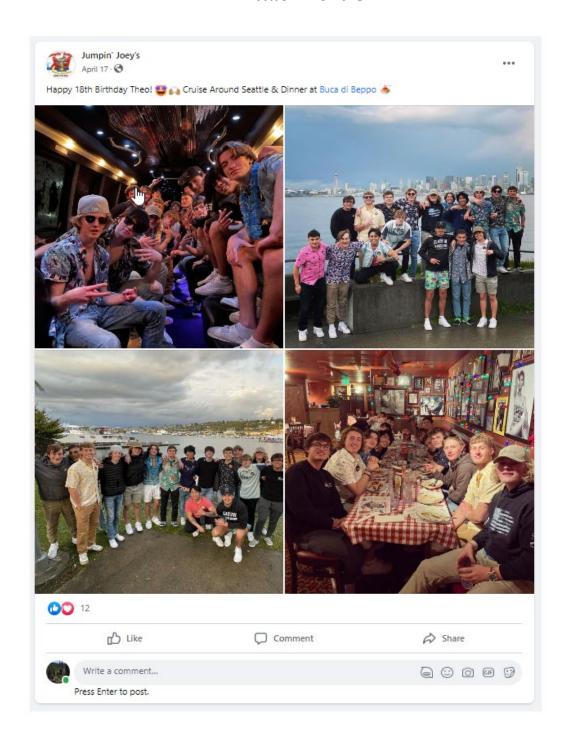
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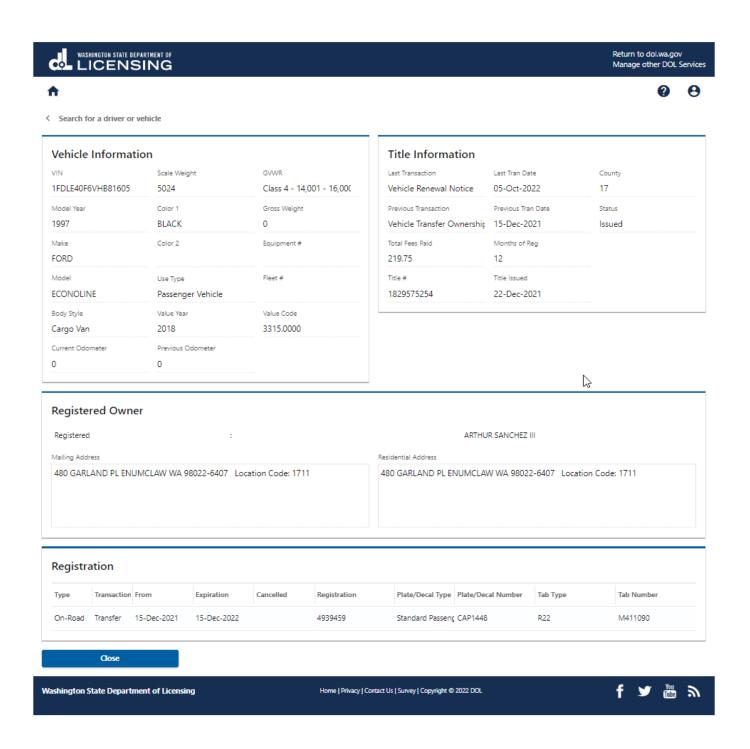
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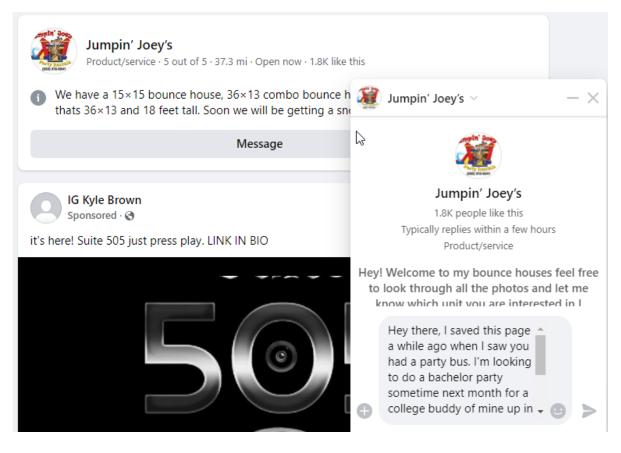
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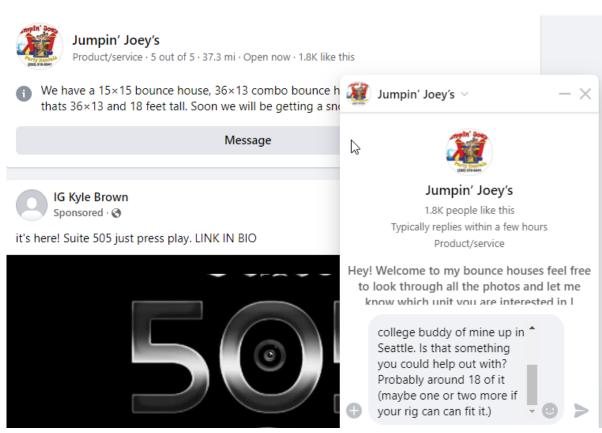


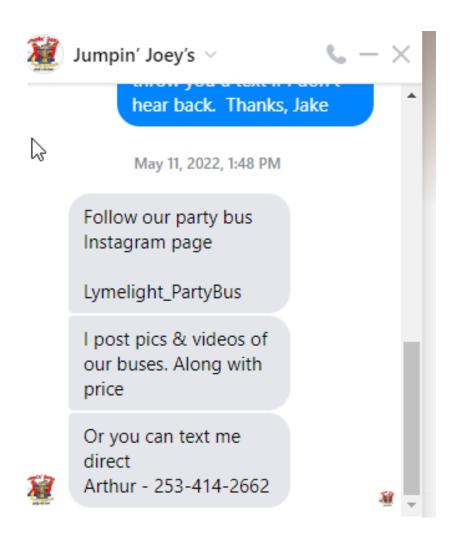
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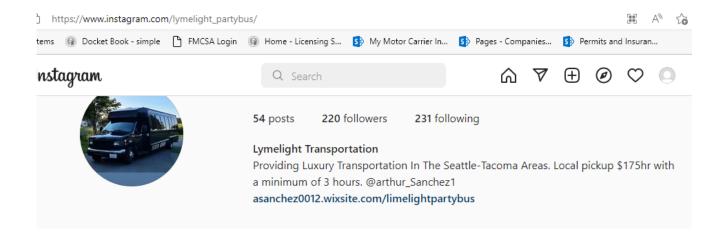
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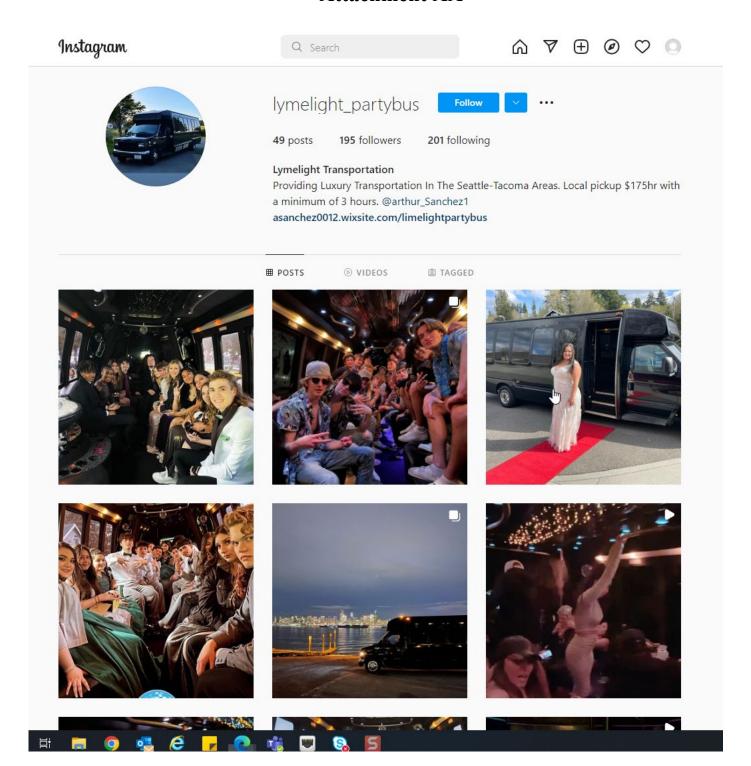




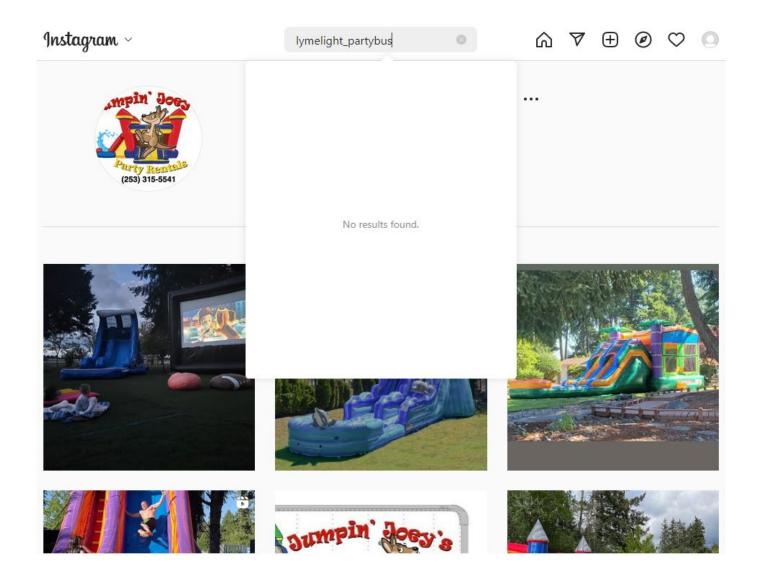
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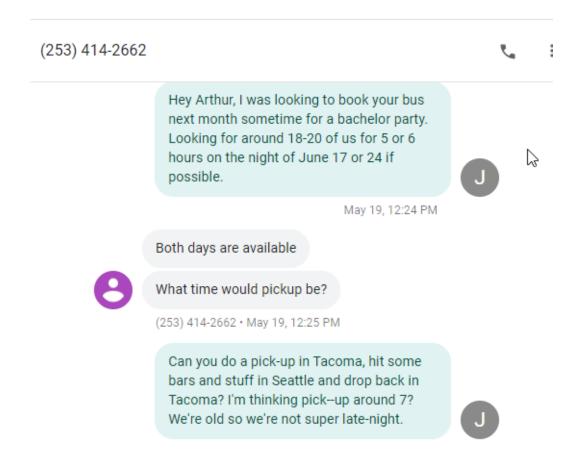
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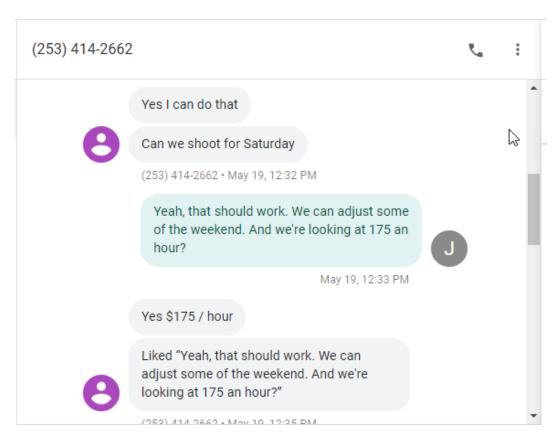


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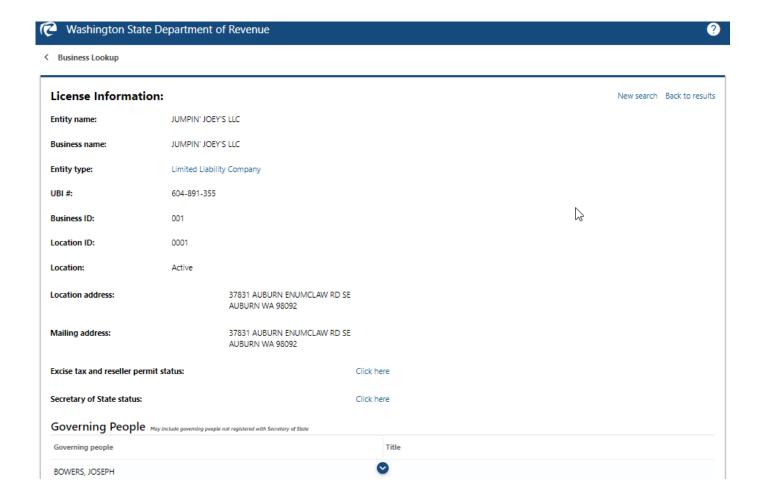
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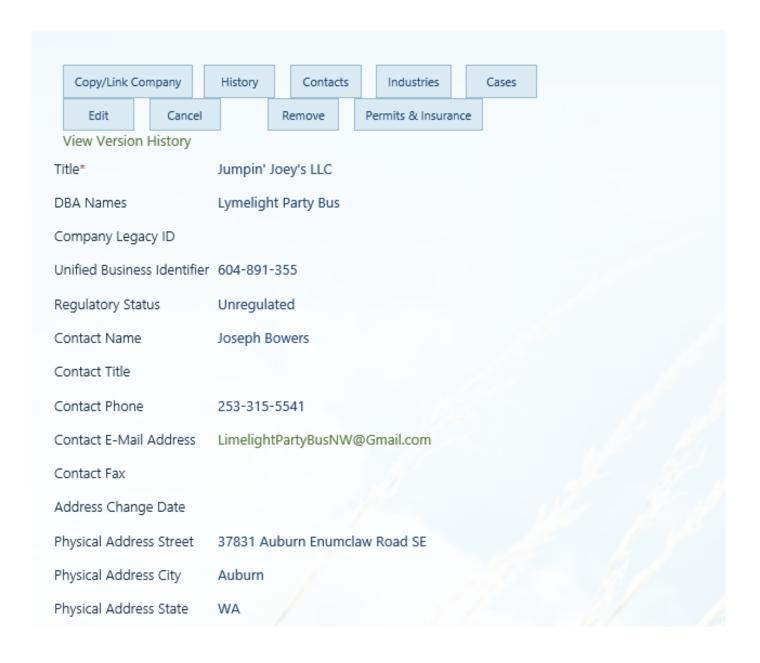
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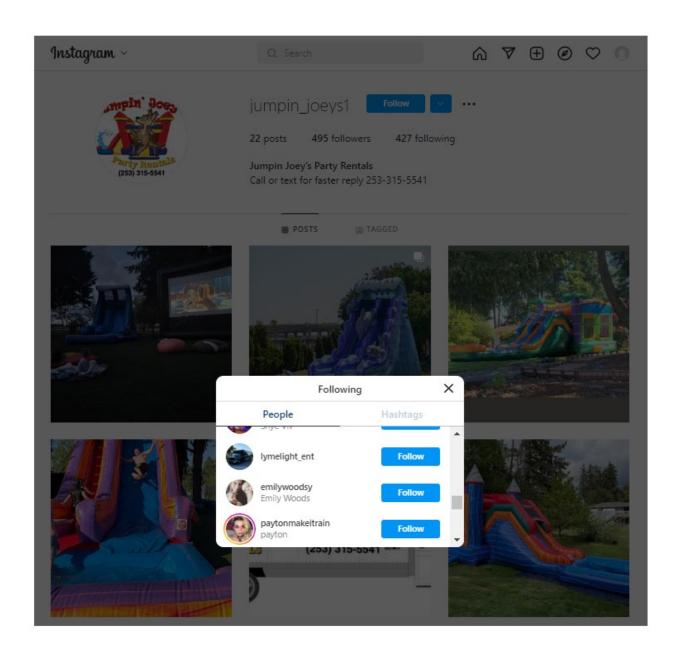
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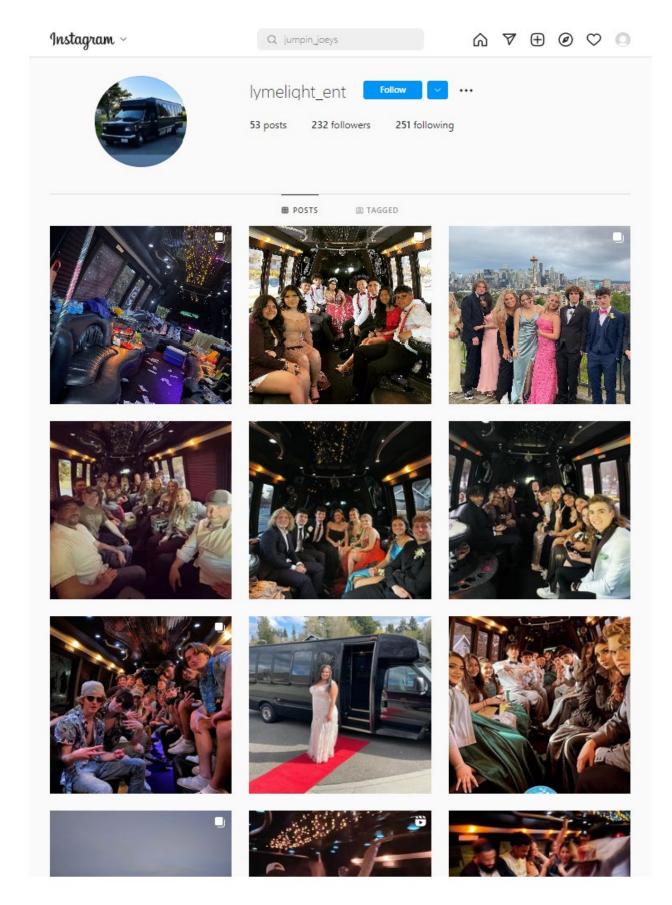
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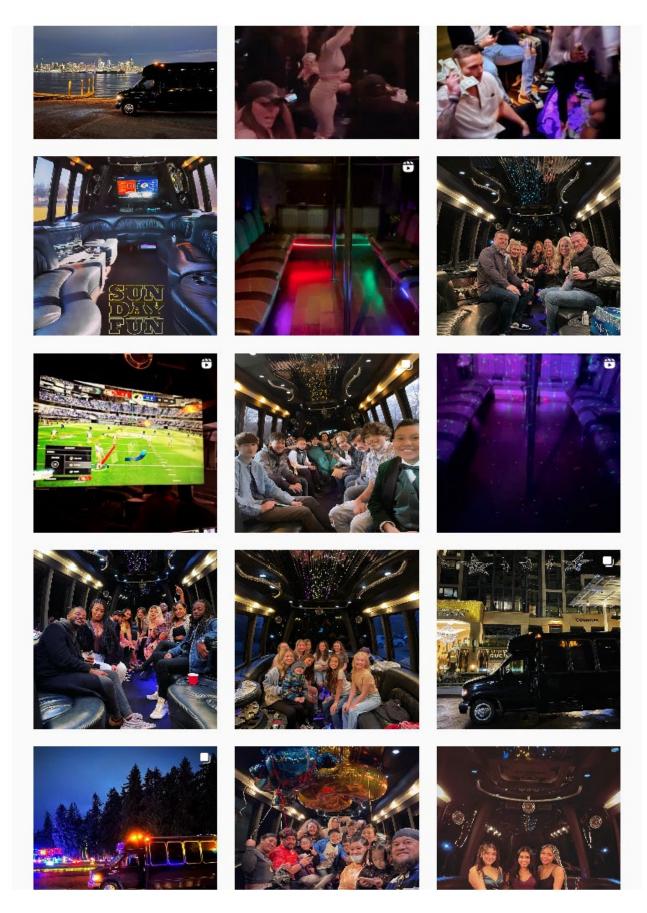
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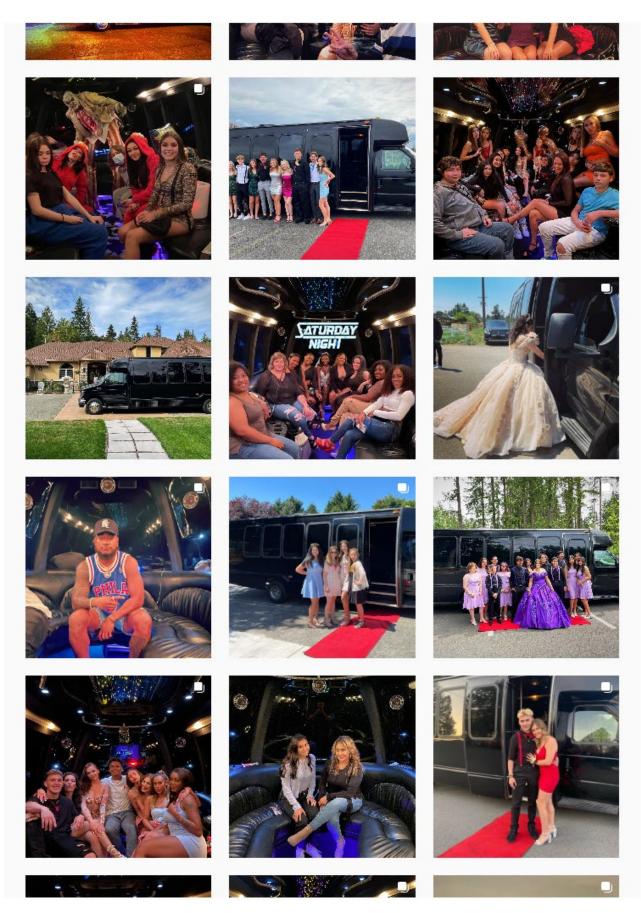
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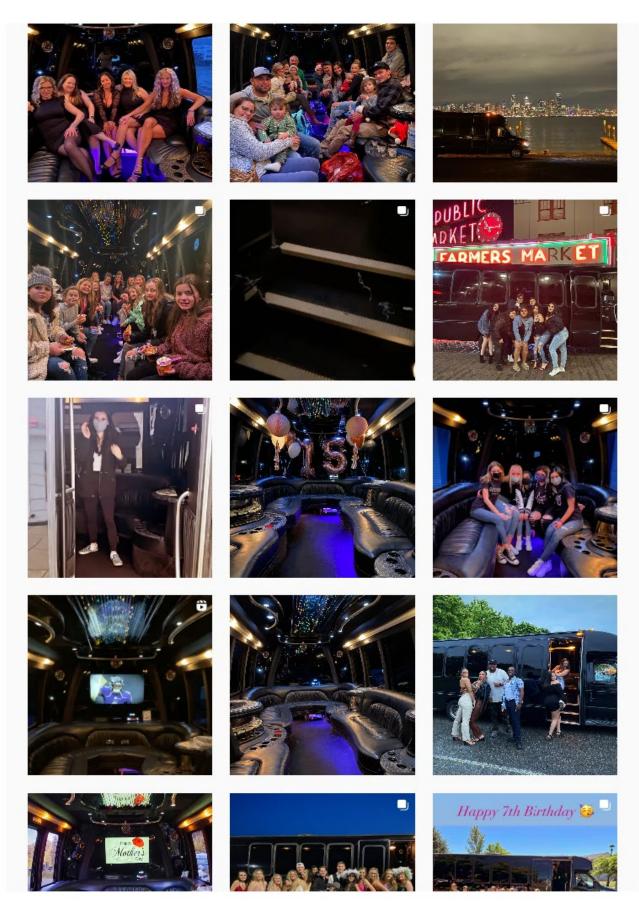
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