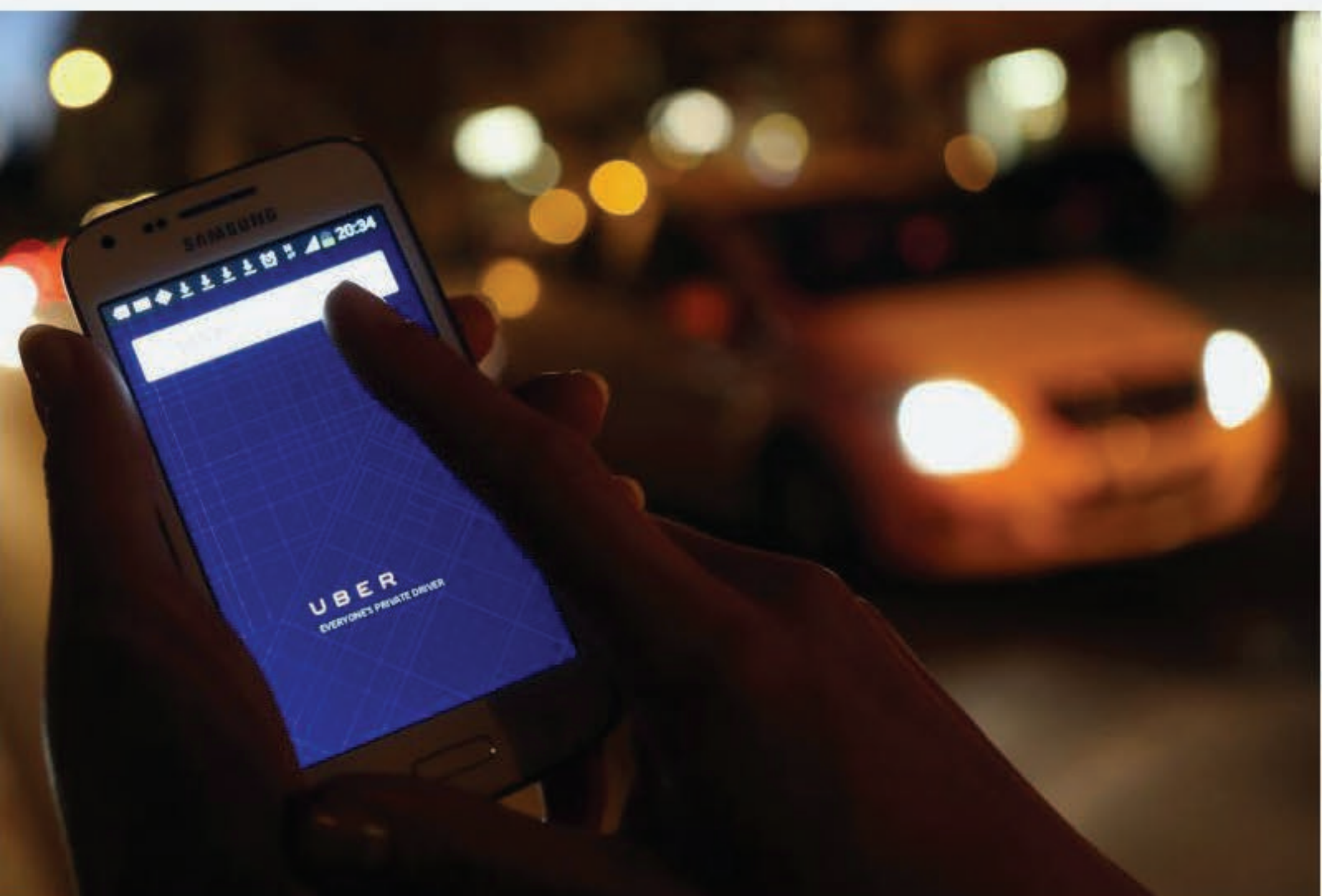


Woman: My Uber driver went wrong way, I said something, he pushed me out

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A California woman has [sued](#) Uber, alleging that her driver pushed her out of the moving car following her demand to be let out when the driver refused to take the most direct route to her destination.



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The lawsuit—which was filed in Ventura County Superior Court on Monday—is strikingly similar to other lawsuits that have been filed against the company in recent years. Earlier this month, we [reported](#) on a New Jersey case in which unsafe driving apparently led to a car accident that left one woman seriously injured.

In the California case, Katherine Conner hailed an Uber to take her from one part of the city of Ventura to another—a route that she was familiar with. According to her civil complaint, the driver began driving in the wrong direction. When Conner inquired about it, the driver intimated that he was "taking a shortcut."

The lawsuit [continues](#):

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When the Driver Defendant did not turn down the correct street, Plaintiff Conner told the Driver Defendant that she wanted to get out of the car. At that point, the Driver Defendant became agitated and started driving fast, causing Plaintiff Conner to fear that the Driver Defendant intended to take her somewhere other than the Destination and do her harm. Plaintiff Conner then started screaming at the Driver Defendant, in essence, that he pull over and let her get out of the subject vehicle. The Driver Defendant ignored Plaintiff Connor's pleas to be allowed to exit the subject vehicle and, in fact, increased its Speed in response and began shoving, pushing, and assaulting and battering Plaintiff Conner. This caused Plaintiff Conner to fear even more for her safety and her life, reasonably believing that the Driver Defendant might be taking her somewhere to harm her. After that, as the Driver Defendant was making a turn, and while the vehicle was still moving, the Driver Defendant reached over, opened the passenger-side door, forcibly pushed Plaintiff Conner out of the subject vehicle and drove away.

Conner is suing over allegations of assault, battery, and negligence, among other claims.

Her attorney, Lewis Adelson, told Ars that they expect to receive the name of the driver, who was referred to solely as "John Doe 1," as part of the civil discovery process.

Lawsuits aplenty

Many of the previous cases make related claims that Uber's safety and training procedures are woefully inadequate and can result in this type of unsafe behavior by drivers. According to [Courthouse News Service](#), which first reported the case on Tuesday, Uber has been sued "at least 433 times" nationwide on claims of negligence and failure to train, among other allegations.



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As Ars reported in January 2017, Matthew Luber (the same attorney who represented the New Jersey woman) [also sued Uber on behalf of a man who said he was beaten up](#) by his driver on a wintery evening in Philadelphia.

The company is also facing a significant [lawsuit filed by Waymo](#), Alphabet's self-driving car subsidiary, alleging theft of trade secrets. Also earlier this month, Uber's former CEO, Travis Kalanick, was [sued](#) by Benchmark Capital Partners over a dispute concerning the company's board of directors.

Uber did not immediately respond to Ars' request for comment.

UPDATE 6:07pm ET: Susan Hendrick, an Uber spokeswoman, e-mailed: "We are declining to comment on pending litigation. However, these allegations are troubling."