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9	FOR THE BUREAU OF	CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
10	STATE OF C	CALIFORNIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 77/11-51
12	PHOENIX AUTOMOTIVE GROUP;	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER
13	MARK DWIGHT LAWRENCE; KIMBERLEY LYNN LAWRENCE 4381 Gateway Park Boulevard, Unit 500	[Gov. Code, §11520]
14	Sacramento, CA 95834	
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 255863	
16	Respondent.	
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19		<u>S OF FACT</u>
20		plainant John Wallauch, in his official capacity
21	as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair	, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed
22	Accusation No. 77/11-51 against Phoenix Auton	notive Group; Mark Dwight Lawrence;
23	Kimberley Lynn Lawrence (Respondent) before	the Director of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation
24	attached as Exhibit A.)	
25	2. On or about August 19, 2008, the Bu	reau of Automotive Repair (Bureau) issued
26	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARI	255863 to Respondent. The Automotive
27	Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
28	in Accusation No. 77/11-51 and expired on Augu	ust 31, 2012. This lapse in licensure, however,
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1	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 118(b), does not deprive the Bureau of its
2	authority to institute or continue this disciplinary proceeding.
3	3. On or about April 19, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail
4	copies of the Accusation No. 77/11-51, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for
5	Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) a
6	Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136, is
7	required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondent's address of record was and
8	is:
9 10	4381 Gateway Park Boulevard, Unit 500 Sacramento, CA 95834.
11	4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
12	Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section
13	124.
14	5. On or about May 3, 2012, the aforementioned documents were returned by the U.S.
15	Postal Service marked "No longer here", "Refused" and "Dif. owner now." The address on the
16	documents was the same as the address on file with the Bureau. Respondent failed to maintain ar
17	updated address with the Bureau and the Bureau has made attempts to serve the Respondent at the
18	address on file. Respondent has not made itself available for service and therefore, has not
19	availed itself of their right to file a notice of defense and appear at hearing.
20	6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
21	(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
22	files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall
23	constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
24	7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon them
25	of the Accusation, and therefore waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No.
26	77/11-51.
27	8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
28	(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the
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1	hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
3	9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director after
4	having reviewed the proof of service dated April 19, 2012, signed by Praveen K. Singh, and
5	return envelopes finds Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further
6	hearing and, based on Accusation, No. 77/11-51, proof of service and on the Affidavit of Bureau
7	Representative Mike Sacco, finds that the allegations in the Accusation are true.
8	DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
9	1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Phoenix Automotive Group;
10	Mark Dwight Lawrence; Kimberley Lynn Lawrence has subjected its Automotive Repair Dealer
11	Registration No. ARD 255863 to discipline.
12	2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
13	3. The Director of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke Respondent's Automotive
14	Repair Dealer Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which
15	are supported by the evidence contained in the affidavit of Bureau Representative Mike Sacco in
16	this case.:
17	a. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(7), in
18	that Respondent willfully departed from accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike
19	repair in a material respect without the consent of the owner by failing to follow the
20	recommended diagnostic procedures when replacing the vehicle's computer, resulting in the
21	replacement of unnecessary parts.
22	b. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in
23	that on or about May 18, 2009, regarding a 2001 Volkswagen Beetle, Respondent failed to
24	materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:
25	i. Section 9884.8:
26	A. Respondent failed to record all repairs performed to the vehicle on Invoice
27	No. 1674.
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1	B. Respondent failed to properly record diagnostic test and repair procedures
2	for codes PO606 and PO605 on Invoice No. 1674.
3	ii. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to properly record authorization for
4	additional repairs on Invoice No. 1674.
5	c. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in
	that on or about November 12, 2009, regarding a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix, Respondent failed to
6 7	materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:
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9	leak on Invoice No. 3050.
10	ii. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to provide the consumer with an
11	estimate for additional repairs on or about November 17, 2009.
12	d. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in
13	that in or about January 2010, regarding the 1993 Ford Ranger, Respondent failed to materially
14	comply with the following provisions of that Code:
15	i. Section 9884.8: Respondent failed to document the findings of the
16	warranty inspection on Invoice No. 3528, dated January 19, 2010, and on Invoice No. 3592, dated
17	January 28, 2010.
18	ii. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to provide the consumer with a written
19	estimate for the replacement of the throw out bearing.
20	e. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in
21	that in or about April 2010, regarding the 2005 Dodge Neon, Respondent failed to materially
22	comply with Code section 9884.9, by failing to document the consumer's authorization to install
23	the radiator on Invoice No. 4148.
24	f. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in
25	that in or about January 2011, regarding the 1995 Nissan Maxima GLE, Respondent failed to
26	materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:
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i. Section 9884.8: Respondent failed to describe on Invoice No. 6447 all 1 service work performed and parts supplied, including the diagnostic routine for a misfire 2 condition, or the steps used to determine that the vehicle's ignition coil was faulty. 3 ii. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to document the consumer's 4 authorization for the repair of the ignition coil and fuel injector. 5 Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in g. 6 that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent made 7 statements which it knew or which by exercise of reasonable care it should have known to be 8 untrue or misleading as follows: 9 i. Respondent falsely represented to Delos Insurance Company and the 10 consumer that the vehicle had been repaired pursuant to Capital City Appraisal Service's estimate 11 dated January 31, 2011, when, in fact, it was not. 12 ii. Respondent falsely represented on Invoice No. 6659, that the engine wiring 13 harness had been replaced with a new engine wiring harness when, in fact, it was not. 14 h. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(4), in 15 that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent committed 16 fraud when it charged for and received payment from Delos Insurance Company for the 17 installation of a new engine wiring harness when, in fact, Respondent installed a used engine 18 wiring harness. 19 i. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in 20 21 that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent failed to materially comply with Code section 9884.9(a) by failing to obtain the consumer's authorization 22 to change the method of repair, in that Respondent installed a used engine wiring harness instead 23 of a new engine wiring harness. 24 /// 25 26 111 27 111 111 28 5

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1	ORDER
2	IT IS SO ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 255863,
3	heretofore issued to Respondent Phoenix Automotive Group; Mark Dwight Lawrence; Kimberley
4	Lynn Lawrence, is revoked.
5	Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a
6	written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within
7	seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The motion should be sent to the
8	Bureau of Automotive Repair, ATTN: William D. Thomas, 10949 North Mather Blvd., Rancho
9	Cordova, CA 95670. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on
10	a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.
11	This Decision shall become effective on
12	lt is so ORDERED November 1, 2013
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14	DONALD CHANG
15	Assistant Chief Counsel Department of Consumer Affairs
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18	Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California JANICE K. LACHMAN Supervising Deputy Attorney General LORRIE M. YOST Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 119088 1300 I Street, Suite 125 P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 445-2271 Facsimile: (916) 327-8643 Attorneys for Complainant BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMI FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMO STATE OF CALIFOR	DTIVE REPAIR NIA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 77 11-51
12 13	PHOENIX AUTOMOTIVE GROUP	ACCUSATION
13	MARK DWIGHT LAWRENCE, Partner KIMBERLEY LYNN LAWRENCE, Partner	
15	4381 Gateway Park Boulevard, Unit 500 Sacramento, CA 95834	
16	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD	
17	255863	
18	Respondents.	
19	John Wallauch ("Complainant") alleges:	
20	PARTIES	
21	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in h	is official capacity as the Chief of the
22	Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of C	onsumer Affairs.
23	2. On or about August 19, 2008, the Bureau issue	d Automotive Repair Dealer
24	Registration Number ARD 255863 to Phoenix Automotive	Group ("Respondent") with Mark
25	Dwight Lawrence and Kimberley Lynn Lawrence as Partne	rs. The registration was in full force
26	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought hereis	n and will expire on August 31, 2012,
27	unless renewed.	
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1			STATUTORY PROVISIONS
2		3.	Section 9884.7 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") states, in pertinent
3	part:		
4		1	(a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a
5		an auto	de error, may deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of motive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the t of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the
6 7	· ·	automo	tive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or r of the automotive repair dealer.
			(1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any
8 9		stateme by the e	ent written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
10			(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.
11		chapter	(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this [the Automotive Repair Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9880, et seq.)] or
12		regulati	ions adopted pursuant to it.
13		good an without	(7) Any willful departure from or disregard of accepted trade standards for ad workmanlike repair in any material respect, which is prejudicial to another consent of the owner or his or her duly authorized representative.
14		, in the ut	(b) Except as provided for in subdivision (c), if an automotive repair dealer
15 16		subdivis	s more than one place of business in this state, the director pursuant to sion (a) shall only suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of cific place of business which has violated any of the provisions of this chapter.
17		This vic	blation, or action by the director, shall not affect in any manner the right of the tive repair dealer to operate his or her other places of business.
18		nlace or	(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or n probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by
19 20		an autor engaged	motive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, d in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations
			I pursuant to it. ode section 9884.8 states:
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22		shall be	Il work done by an automotive repair dealer, including all warranty work, recorded on an invoice and shall describe all service work done and parts
23		also stat	d. Service work and parts shall be listed separately on the invoice, which shall te separately the subtotal prices for service work and for parts, not including
24		used, re	x, and shall state separately the sales tax, if any, applicable to each. If any built, or reconditioned parts are supplied, the invoice shall clearly state that
25		fact. If recondit	a part of a component system is composed of new and used, rebuilt or tioned parts, that invoice shall clearly state that fact. The invoice shall include
26 27		crash pa	nent indicating whether any crash parts are original equipment manufacturer arts or nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash parts. One copy
27			voice shall be given to the customer and one copy shall be retained by the tive repair dealer.
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#### Code section 9884.9 states, in pertinent part: 5.

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2	(a) The automotive repair dealer shall give to the customer a written estimated
3	price for labor and parts necessary for a specific job. No work shall be done and no charges shall accrue before authorization to proceed is obtained from the customer.
4	No charge shall be made for work done or parts supplied in excess of the estimated price without the oral or written consent of the customer that shall be obtained at
5	some time after it is determined that the estimated price is insufficient and before the work not estimated is done or the parts not estimated are supplied. Written consent or
6	authorization for an increase in the original estimated price may be provided by electronic mail or facsimile transmission from the customer. The bureau may specify
7	in regulation the procedures to be followed by an automotive repair dealer if an authorization or consent for an increase in the original estimated price is provided by
8	electronic mail or facsimile transmission. If that consent is oral, the dealer shall make a notation on the work order of the date, time, name of person authorizing the
9	additional repairs, and telephone number called, if any, together with a specification of the additional parts and labor and the total additional cost, and shall do either of the
10	following:
11	(1) Make a notation on the invoice of the same facts set forth in the notation on the work order.
12	(2) Upon completion of the repairs, obtain the customer's signature or initials to
13	an acknowledgment of notice and consent, if there is an oral consent of the customer to additional repairs, in the following language:
14	"I acknowledge notice and oral approval of an increase in the original
15	estimated price.
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17	(signature or initials)"
18	Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring an automotive repair
19	dealer to give a written estimated price if the dealer does not agree to perform the requested repair.
20	(c) In addition to subdivisions (a) and (b), an automotive repair dealer, when doing auto body or collision repairs, shall provide an itemized written estimate for all
21	parts and labor to the customer. The estimate shall describe labor and parts separately
22	and shall identify cach part, indicating whether the replacement part is new, used, rebuilt, or reconditioned. Each crash part shall be identified on the written estimate
23	and the written estimate shall indicate whether the crash part is an original equipment manufacturer crash part or a nonoriginal equipment manufacturer aftermarket crash
24	part.
25	6. Section 9884.13 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a
26	valid registration shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary
27	proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision invalidating a registration
28	temporarily or permanently.
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7. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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#### <u>CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 1 – 2001 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE</u>

8. On or about June 11, 2009, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from Ramona 7 Gonzalez ("consumer") regarding repairs to her 2001 Volkswagen Beetle performed by 8 9 Respondent's facility. On or about May 18, 2009, the consumer had her vehicle towed to Respondent's facility for a diagnosis because the vehicle would die out when it was put in gear. 10 On or about May 20, 2009, the consumer spoke with Service Manager, Phil ("Phil"), who told her 11 that the vehicle's oxygen sensor and main computer needed to be replaced and would cost \$1,286. 12 The consumer told Phil that she only wanted to replace the oxygen sensor. Phil told the consumer 13 that she had to replace both parts in order for the vehicle to run. The consumer authorized the 14 repairs. 15

9. On or about May 28, 2009, Phil contacted the consumer and told her that it would be
an extra \$80 for the main computer.

18 10. On or about June 1, 2009, the consumer returned to Respondent's facility to retrieve
19 the vehicle. The consumer paid \$1,200. When the consumer left Respondent's facility, the
20 vehicle would only go 5 miles per hour. The consumer turned around and went back to
21 Respondent's facility and spoke to Phil. Phil told the consumer that the vehicle needed additional
22 repairs and to return the vehicle as soon as possible.

11. On or about June 2, 2009, the consumer drove her vehicle to Roseville Volkswagen
for a diagnosis. Roseville Volkswagen told the consumer that the vehicle's fuel pump and
manifold absolute pressure (MAP) sensor needed to be replaced, and that the repairs performed
by Respondent were unnecessary. The consumer paid Roseville Volkswagen \$1,306.86 for the
repairs.

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1	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
2	(Departure from Trade Standards)	
3	12. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(7),	
4	in that Respondent willfully departed from or disregarded accepted trade standards for good and	
5	workmanlike repair in a material respect without the consent of the owner or the owner's duly	
6	authorized representative, by failing to follow the recommended diagnostic procedures when	
7	replacing the vehicle's computer, resulting in the replacement of unnecessary parts.	
8	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
9	(Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)	
10	13. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6),	
11	in that on or about May 18, 2009, regarding the 2001 Volkswagen Beetle, Respondent failed to	
12	materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:	
13	a. Section 9884.8:	
14	i. Respondent failed to record all repairs performed to the vehicle on Invoice	
15	No. 1674.	
16	ii. Respondent failed to properly record diagnostic test and repair procedures	
17	for codes PO606 and PO605 on Invoice No. 1674.	
18	b. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to properly record authorization for additional	
19	repairs on Invoice No. 1674.	
20	<u>CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 2 – 2002 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX</u>	
21	14. On or about December 2, 2009, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from Eric	
22	Warfield ("consumer") regarding repairs to his 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix performed by	
23	Respondent's facility. On or about November 12, 2009, the consumer drove his vehicle to	
24	Respondent's facility to have an overheating problem diagnosed. Respondent inspected the	
25	vehicle and found that the intake manifold appeared to be leaking water. Later, the consumer	
26	received a telephone call from Phil, who told him that the intake manifold needed to be replaced	
27	and would cost \$850. The consumer authorized the repairs. On the same day, the consumer	
28	returned to Respondent's facility to pay for the repairs. The consumer paid Respondent \$849.96.	
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1	15. On or about November 16, 2009, the consumer returned to Respondent's facility to	
2	retrieve the vehicle. When Phil took the vehicle for a test drive, it broke down. Phil told the	
3	consumer that the vehicle had a ticking rod. After the consumer left the facility in the vehicle, the	
4	vehicle overheated again. On or about November 17, 2009, the consumer returned the vehicle to	
5	Respondent's facility for an inspection. Phil told the consumer that the water pump and	
6	thermostat needed to be replaced and would cost \$327. The consumer authorized the repairs.	
7	Shortly thereafter, the consumer received a telephone call from Phil stating that he would not	
8	perform the repairs because the engine was bad. The consumer retrieved the vehicle from	
9	Respondent's facility.	
10	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
11	(Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)	
12	16. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6),	
13	in that on or about November 12, 2009, regarding the 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix, Respondent failed	
14	to materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:	
15	a. Section 9884.8: Respondent failed to document the diagnosis of a coolant leak on	
16	Invoice No. 3050.	
17	b. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to provide the consumer with an estimate for	
18	additional repairs on or about November 17, 2009.	
19	<u>CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 3 – 1993 FORD RANGER</u>	
20	17. On or about February 8, 2010, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from	
21	Gregory Chaba ("consumer") regarding repairs to his 1993 Ford Ranger performed by	
22	Respondent's facility. On or about January 18, 2010, the consumer took his vehicle to	
23	Respondent's facility and had the clutch slave cylinder replaced. On or about January 19, 2010,	
24	the consumer returned to Respondent's facility for a growling sound which the Respondent	
25	determined to be the throw out bearing. On or about January 26, 2010, the consumer returned to	
26	Respondent's facility to have the throw out bearing replaced at no charge to the consumer.	
27	Respondent told the consumer that he would need to come back at a later time to have the repair	
28	performed because they were too busy at that time to perform the repairs.	
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1	18. On or about January 28, 2010, while the consumer was driving the vehicle, he found	
2	that the clutch pedal became harder and harder to depress. Ultimately, the clutch pedal went all	
3	the way down to the floor and the vehicle would not shift. The consumer had the vehicle towed	
4	to Respondent's facility for repairs.	
5	19. On or about February 11, 2010, the consumer returned to Respondent's facility to	
6	retrieve the vehicle. While driving the vehicle, the consumer found that the clutch was not	
7	working properly.	
8	20. On or about February 18, 2010, the consumer took his vehicle to another repair	
9	facility where it was determined that Respondent failed to properly bleed the clutch hydraulic	
10	system. The consumer paid \$95 for the repair.	
11	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
12	(Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)	
13	21. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6),	
14	in that in or about January 2010, regarding the 1993 Ford Ranger, Respondent failed to materially	
15	comply with the following provisions of that Code:	
16	a. Section 9884.8: Respondent failed to document the findings of the warranty	
17	inspection on Invoice No. 3528, dated January 19, 2010, and on Invoice No. 3592, dated	
18	January 28, 2010.	
19	b. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to provide the consumer with a written	
20	estimate for the replacement of the throw out bearing.	
21	<u>CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 4 – 2005 DODGE NEON</u>	
22	22. On or about April 5, 2010, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from Jessica	
23	Conley ("consumer") regarding repairs to her 2005 Dodge Neon performed by Respondent's	
24	facility. On or about April 2, 2010, the consumer took her vehicle to Respondent's facility to	
25	have the timing belt replaced in her vehicle. Prior to completion of the repairs, Respondent told	
26	the consumer that her radiator had a leak and needed to be replaced. The consumer purchased a	
27	radiator and had Respondent install it for \$80.	
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# FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)

23. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that in or about April 2010, regarding the 2005 Dodge Neon, Respondent failed to materially comply with Code section 9884.9, by failing to document the consumer's authorization to install the radiator on Invoice No. 4148.

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# CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 5 - 1995 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE

On or about February 3, 2011, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from Amy 24. 8 9 Craft ("consumer") regarding repairs to her 1995 Nissan Maxima GLE performed by Respondent's facility. On or about January 5, 2011, the consumer drove her vehicle to 10 Respondent's facility to have the vehicle diagnosed because the vehicle would die at stops and 11 12 buck when driving on the freeway. Respondent inspected the vehicle and found that the ignition coil and the number three cylinder fuel injector needed to be replaced. On or about 13 January 7, 2011, the consumer returned to Respondent's facility to retrieve the vehicle. The 14 consumer paid \$153.26, but was told that the vehicle was still idling rough and needed more 15 work, including replacing the #3 cylinder fuel injector and would cost an additional \$450. On or 16 about January 21, 2011, the consumer spoke with Phil, who told her that the vehicle's engine had 17 seized up, the timing chain broke, and the clutch was bad. The total cost of the repairs would be 18 approximately \$7,500. On or about January 26, 2011, the consumer returned to the Respondent's 19 facility to retrieve the vehicle. The consumer paid \$246.63. 20

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### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)

23 25. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6),
24 in that in or about January 2011, regarding the 1995 Nissan Maxima GLE, Respondent failed to
25 materially comply with the following provisions of that Code:

a. Section 9884.8: Respondent failed to describe on Invoice No. 6447 all service
work performed and parts supplied, including the diagnostic routine for a misfire condition, or the
steps used to determine that the vehicle's ignition coil was faulty.

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b. Section 9884.9: Respondent failed to document the consumer's authorization for the repair of the ignition coil and fuel injector.

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CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 6 - 2000 NISSAN MAXIMA

26. On or about March 9, 2011, the Bureau received a consumer complaint from Damon 4 Finch ("consumer") regarding repairs to his 2000 Nissan Maxima performed by Respondent's 5 facility. On or about December 30, 2010, the consumer took his vehicle to Respondent's facility 6 7 to have the vehicle diagnosed because the vehicle was running rough and the engine wiring harness had been damaged by rodents. On or after December 30, 2010, Respondent told the 8 consumer that the engine wiring harness needed to be replaced. The consumer filed a claim with 9 his insurance company, Delos Insurance Company ("Delos") for the repairs. Delos sent out 10 Capital City Appraisal Service to inspect the vehicle. Delos approved the claim and issued a 11 check in the amount of \$1,885.74 to the consumer and Respondent for the replacement of an 12 engine wiring harness. The consumer returned to Respondent's facility to retrieve the vehicle. 13 While driving the vehicle, the consumer found that the vehicle continued to run rough. 14

27. On or about March 17, 2011, a Bureau representative inspected the consumer's
vehicle and found that the engine wiring harness Respondent installed was used. On that same
day, a Bureau representative went to Respondent's facility and requested a copy of the invoice for
the purchase of the engine wiring harness. Respondent provided the Bureau representative with a
copy of Invoice No. 18864 from Hanlees Nissan dated January 17, 2011, in the amount of
\$1,331.27; however, the invoice had been altered, in that the word "VOID" that had been stamped
on the invoice was covered up.

22 28. On or about March 18, 2011, a Bureau representative went to Hanlees Nissan and
23 spoke with the parts manager, Tom Nguyen ("Nguyen"), who told the Bureau representative that
24 Respondent returned the engine wiring harness on March 4, 2011. On that same day, a Bureau
25 representative went to Now Ventures Inc. (auto dismantler) and learned that Respondent
26 purchased an engine wiring harness for a 2000 Nissan Maxima on February 9, 2011. New
27 Ventures Inc. provided the Bureau representative with a copy of the invoice.

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1	SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
2	(Untrue or Misleading Statements)	
3	29. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(1).	
4	that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent made	
5	statements which it knew or which by exercise of reasonable care it should have known to be	
6	untrue or misleading as follows:	
7	a. Respondent falsely represented to Delos Insurance Company and the consumer	
8	that the vehicle had been repaired pursuant to Capital City Appraisal Service's estimate dated	
9	January 31, 2011, when, in fact, it was not.	
10	b. Respondent falsely represented on Invoice No. 6659, that the engine wiring	
11	harness had been replaced with a new engine wiring harness when, in fact, it was not.	
12	EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
13	(Fraudulent Acts)	
14	30. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(4),	
15	that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent commit	
16	fraud when it charged for and received payment from Delos Insurance Company for the	
17	installation of a new engine wiring harness when, in fact, Respondent installed a used engine	
18	wiring harness.	
19	NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
20	(Failure to Comply with Provisions of the Code)	
21	31. Respondent's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(6),	
22	that on or about December 30, 2010, regarding the 2000 Nissan Maxima, Respondent failed to	
23	materially comply with Code section 9884.9(a) by failing to obtain the consumer's authorization	
24	to change the method of repair, in that Respondent installed a used engine wiring harness inste	
25	of a new engine wiring harness.	
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1	OTHER MATTERS
2	32. Pursuant to Code section 9884.7(c), the director may suspend, revoke, or place o
3	probation the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Phoenix Automotiv
4	Group, and Mark Dwight Lawrence and Kimberley Lynn Lawrence, Partners, upon a finding th
5	it has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violation of the laws and regulations
6	pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
7	<u>PRAYER</u>
8	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
9	alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:
10	1. Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD
11	255863, issued to Phoenix Automotive Group, and Mark Dwight Lawrence and Kimberley Lyn
12	Lawrence, Partners;
13	2. Revoking or suspending any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to
14	Phoenix Automotive Group, and Mark Dwight Lawrence and Kimberley Lynn Lawrence,
15	Partners;
16	3. Ordering Phoenix Automotive Group, and Mark Dwight Lawrence and Kimberle
17	Lynn Lawrence, Partners to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair the reasonable costs of the
18	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
19	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
20	DATED: 2/23/12 John WALLAUL by Day Bro
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