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San Jose Brake, Lamp and Smog Shop's Licenses Suspended

Amtek Auto Repair accused of issuing fraudulent certificates

SAN JOSE – A San Jose shop, its owner and a technician have had their licenses suspended pending a revocation hearing as a result of an investigation by the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair (DCA/BAR).

An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) granted BAR's request for Interim Suspension Orders to immediately suspend the Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, and the Smog, Lamp and Brake Station Licenses, of Ken Quoc Nguyen, the owner of Amtek Auto Repair located at 220 Leo Ave. #G, in San Jose. The ALJ also suspended the Lamp and Brake Adjusters Licenses and the Smog Check Technician Licenses issued to Ken Quoc Nguyen and Tung Quoc-Hai Nguyen.

Acting on a consumer complaint, a BAR investigation revealed Amtek Auto Repair issued lamp and brake certificates of adjustment, and Smog certificates of compliance to BAR undercover vehicles without performing the required inspection or repairs.

"Consumers need protection against unlawful business practices," said Acting DCA Director Brian Stiger. "When we find shops cheating their customers, we will take action to shut them down."

"These shops are putting consumers at risk by illegally certifying vehicles that may be unsafe to drive. It also puts others who share the roads in danger." says BAR Chief Sherry Mehl.

An administrative hearing will be held to address the violations found during the investigation. Additionally, BAR has submitted the results of the investigation to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

The Department of Consumer Affairs promotes and protects the interests of California consumers. Consumers who wish to file a complaint against an auto repair facility can contact the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair at (800) 952-5210. Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.autorepair.ca.gov.

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