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8	BEFORE THE	
	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR	
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 77/16-6522
12	CALIFORNIA CUSTOMS &	7 10 0 = 2
13	COLLISION REPAIR EDDIE RAY RAINWATER, OWNER A C C U S A T I O N	
14	211 Keuroy Lane, Suite 7	ACCUSATION
15	Roseville, CA 95678	
16	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 259295	
17	Respondent.	
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19	Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") alleges:	
20	PARTIES	
21	1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the	
22	Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs.	
23	2. On or about August 31, 2009, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer	
24	Registration Number ARD 259295 to Eddie Ray Rainwater ("Respondent"), as owner of	
25	California Customs & Collision Repair. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was	
26	delinquent between May 31, 2010, to August 24, 2010; May 31, 2011 to August 25, 2011;	
27	May 31, 2012, to July 27, 2012; May 31, 2013, to June 25, 2013; May 31, 2014, to August 6,	
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7. Code section 477 provides, in pertinent part, that "Board" includes "bureau," "commission," "committee," "department," "division," "examining committee," "program," and "agency." "License" includes certificate, registration or other means to engage in a business or profession regulated by the Code.

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 8. Code section 9884.7 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of an automotive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.
- (1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
 - (4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.
- (6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
- 9. Code section 9884.9, states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The automotive repair dealer shall give to the customer a written estimated 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. 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 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 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 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 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 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 following:
- (1) Make a notation on the invoice of the same facts set forth in the notation on the work order.
- (2) Upon completion of the repairs, obtain the customer's signature or initials to an acknowledgment of notice and consent, if there is an oral consent of the customer to additional repairs, in the following language:

Respondent \$500 on or about that same day. Respondent told F.W. that it would take six to eight weeks to complete the repairs.

- 14. Between on or about February 10, 2016, and March 2, 2016, F.W. paid Respondent a total of \$1,400. On or about April 19, 2016, F.W. met Respondent at Respondent's facility with concerns about the time it was taking Respondent to perform the repairs. Respondent provided an invoice to F.W., dated April 19, 2016, reflecting that \$200 of body work had been performed on the vehicle and that Respondent agreed to refund \$1,200 to F.W. by May 27, 2016. F.W. made arrangements to tow the vehicle from Respondent's facility.
- 15. Respondent never provided a refund to F.W. as promised. On or about April 22, 2016, F.W. filed a complaint with the Bureau against Respondent.
- 16. On or about June 22, 2016, a Bureau representative requested from Respondent his records pertaining to F.W.'s Mercedes, including all estimates, invoices, parts receipts, and any other documents in Respondent's possession regarding F.W.'s complaint. Respondent has yet to comply.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 17. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which he knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. On or about February 10, 2016, Respondent told F.W. it would take 6-8 weeks to complete the repairs F.W.'s Mercedes. In fact, Respondent never completed the repairs on F.W.'s Mercedes.
- b. On or about April 19, 2016, Respondent told F.W. he would refund \$1,200 to F.W. In fact, Respondent never provided a refund to F.W.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

18. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(4), in that on or about February 10, 2016, Respondent committed an act that constitutes fraud by inducing F.W.

to pay Respondent for repairs to F.W.'s Mercedes by representing to F.W. that Respondent would complete repairs on F.W.'s Mercedes within 6-8 weeks. Respondent took payment from F.W. before making repairs to the Mercedes, substantially failed to complete the repairs, and failed to refund any money.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain or Make Records Available)

19. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to section 9884.7(a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with Code Section 9884.11 by failing to make his records pertaining to F.W.'s Mercedes available for inspection by the Bureau, as required by CCR section 3358.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT - W.S.

- 20. On or about March 28, 2016, "W.S." had his 1995 BMW 740 IL Sedan ("BMW") towed to Respondent's facility for auto body repairs. Respondent failed to provide W.S. with a written estimate, but verbally gave W.S. an estimate in the amount of \$3,400, and said it would take four weeks to complete the repairs. W.S. agreed to Respondent's estimate contingent on having the vehicle stored inside Respondent's facility. That same day, W.S. paid Respondent \$2,000.
- 21. On or about April 28, 2016, W.S. contacted Respondent regarding progress on the BMW, and was told that progress was slow but coming along. W.S. subsequently discovered that the BMW, which had been parked outside Respondent's facility, was impounded by a towing company on or about April 21, 2016, after the towing company had posting warning labels on the vehicle.
- 22. On or about May 7, 2016, W.S. filed a complaint with the Bureau against Respondent.
- 23. On or about June 22, 2016, a Bureau representative requested from Respondent his records pertaining to W.S.'s BMW, including all estimates, invoices, parts receipts, and any other documents in Respondent's possession. Respondent has yet to comply.
- 24. Respondent has not completed repairs on the BMW and has refused to pay the towing company's storage fees in the amount of \$1,000.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain or Make Records Available)

28. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to section 9884.7(a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with Code Section 9884.11 by failing to make records available for inspection by the Bureau, as required by CCR section 3358. Specifically, Respondent failed to provide the Bureau with estimates and any documents related to W.S.'s BMW.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT – M.W.

On or about October 16, 2015, "M.W." had his 1965 Ford Mustang ("Ford") towed to Respondent's facility for auto body repairs and paint work. Respondent provided M.W. with a verbal estimate for repairs and paint work in the amount of \$3,000. Respondent told M.W. that it would take six to eight weeks to complete the repairs. That same day M.W. paid Respondent \$1,000.

- 29. On or about November 20, 2015, Respondent issued invoice #211, totaling \$3,000 for body work and refinishing. On or about December 18, 2015, Respondent reissued invoice #211, totaling \$3,000 for body work and refinishing and reflecting \$3,500 total payment made by M.W. to Respondent.
- 30. On or about June 4, 2016, M.W. filed a complaint with the Bureau against Respondent regarding work that had not been completed on the Ford.
- 31. On or about June 22, 2016, a Bureau representative requested from Respondent his records pertaining to M.W.'s Ford, including all estimates, invoices, parts receipts, and any other documents in Respondent's possession. Respondent has yet to comply.
- 32. As of on or about June 22, 2016, Respondent had not completed repairs on M.W.'s Ford despite his assurances to M.W. that repairs would be completed by December 31, 2015.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statement)

33. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that on or about October 16, 2015, Respondent made or authorized a statement which he knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading. Specifically,

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complete the repairs on the J.R.'s Chevrolet. In fact, Respondent never did complete repairs on

b. On a date uncertain in or before early 2016, Respondent represented to J.R. that he would store J.R.'s Chevrolet inside Respondent's facility. In fact, the vehicle was not stored inside Respondent's facility.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

45. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(4), in that on or about July 28, 2015, Respondent committed an act that constitutes fraud by inducing J.R. to pay Respondent for repairs to J.R.'s Chevrolet representing to J.R. that he would complete repairs on the Chevrolet within six to eight weeks. Respondent took payment from J.R. but failed to complete repairs on the vehicle.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain or Make Records Available)

46. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to section 9884.7(a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with Code Section 9884.11 by failing to make records available for inspection by the Bureau, as required by CCR section 3358. Specifically, Respondent failed to provide the Bureau with estimates and any documents relating to J.R.'s Chevrolet.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT - M.H.

- 47. In or around October 2015, "M.H." brought his 1968 Chevrolet Camaro ("Camaro") to Respondent's facility for body and paint work. On or about November 7, 2015, M.H. returned to Respondent's facility and Respondent provided M.H. with an estimate for repairs in the amount of \$3,800. Respondent told M.H. that the work would be completed by December 25, 2015. M.H. agreed to provide parts, paint, and materials to be used for the work and paid Respondent \$2,100.
- 48. As of on or about November 16, 2015, Respondent had disassembled the Camaro. Respondent recommended further repairs for an additional \$1,500, which M.H. approved. M.H. paid Respondent an additional \$1,700 that same day. Respondent reiterated that work on the vehicle would be complete by December 25, 2015. On or about November 27, 2015, M.H. paid

Respondent an additional \$1,000 for labor for additional work on the Camaro, for a total of \$4,800 paid by M.H. to Respondent for repairs.

- 49. In or around early 2016, M.H. agreed to extend the completion date for repairs on the Camaro to March 1, 2016, and M.H. provided Respondent with additional parts. On or about June 22, 2016, M.H. found that the repairs on his vehicle were substantially incomplete. On or about June 25, 2016, M.H. had the Camaro towed to his residence.
- 50. On or about June 22, 2016, M.H. filed a complaint with the Bureau against Respondent.
- 51. On or about July 13, 2016, a Bureau representative requested from Respondent his records pertaining to M.H.'s Camaro, including all estimates, invoices, parts receipts, and any other documents in Respondent's possession. On or about July 29, 2016, Respondent faxed reprinted invoice No. 217, dated November 27, 2012 [sic], for M.H.'s Camaro reflecting the receipt of \$4,800 from M.H. through November 27, 2015, and work purportedly performed. Bureau representative "G.M." inspected the Camaro and, using Respondent's invoice #217 for comparison, found that Respondent billed M.H. for work that Respondent had not performed.

FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 52. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which he knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows.
- a. On or about November 7, 2015, and November 16, 2015, Respondent told M.H. repairs on the vehicle would be completed by December 25, 2015. In fact, Respondent never completed repairs on M.H.'s Camaro.
- b. On or about July 29, 2016, Respondent represented to the Bureau that he performed the following work on M.H.'s Camaro when, in fact, he had not, as follows:
 - i. Respondent did not refinish/repair the engine bay;
 - ii. Respondent did not refinish/repair the exterior red and white rallye stripes;

J.M.'s Ford.

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NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 1 (Fraud) 2 62. Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(4), in that on 3 or about July 30, 2015, Respondent committed an act that constitutes fraud by inducing J.M. to 4 pay Respondent for repairs to J.M.'s Ford by representing to J.M. that he would complete repairs 5 on the Ford within six months. Respondent took payment from J.M. but failed to complete 6 repairs on the vehicle. 7 TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 8 (Failure to Maintain or Make Records Available) 9 Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to section 9884.7(a)(6), in that 63. 10 Respondent failed to comply with Code Section 9884.11 by failing to make records available for 11 inspection by the Bureau, as required by CCR section 3358. Specifically, Respondent failed to 12 provide the Bureau with all documents related to J.M.'s Ford. 13 MATTERS IN AGGRAVATION 14 To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed, Complainant alleges that 64. 15 on or about March 3, 2016, the Bureau issued Citation No. C2016-0598 and an Order of 16 Abatement against Respondent for violating of Code section 9884.6(a) (operating as an 17 automotive repair dealer without a valid registration). 18 **OTHER MATTERS** 19 Pursuant to Code section 9884.7(c), the Director may suspend, revoke, or place on 2.0 probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by Respondent Eddie 21 Ray Rainwater, as owner of California Customs & Collision Repair, upon a finding that 22 Respondent has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and 23 regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer. 24 /// 25 /// 26 /// 27