# BEFORE THE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

## CHARLES SUTTON CHEVRON, INC., DBA SIERRA AUTOMOTIVE, CHARLES L. SUTTON, President/Secretary/Treasurer

701 N. Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93308 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 92968

Smog Check Station License No. RC 92968 Brake Check Station License No. BS 92968 Lamp Station License No. LS 92968

#### **ANTHONY ALLEN HAZELWOOD**

1005 Meadows Street Bakersfield, CA 93306 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 306035

Smog Check Repair Technician License Number El 306035 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 306035)

Brake Adjuster License No. BA 306035 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 306035

and

#### DAVID LEE MCCOY

2634 Center Street Bakersfield, CA 93306 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 74536

Smog Check Repair Technician License Number El 74536 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 74536)

Brake Adjuster License No. BA 74536 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 74536

Respondents.

Case No. 77/14-32

OAH No. 2014060970

#### DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, Charles L. Sutton Only is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in the above-entitled matter, only as to respondent Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, Charles L. Sutton, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 92968, Smog Check Station License No. RC 92968, Brake Check Station License No. BS 92968, and Lamp Station License No. LS 92968.

This Decision shall become effective November 9, 2015

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12		Case No. 7/714-32
13	CHARLES SUTTON CHEVRON, INC., DBA SIERRA AUTOMOTIVE, CHARLES	OAH No. 2014060970
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14	701 N. Chester Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93308	DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.	CHARLES SUTTON CHEVRON, INC., DBA SIERRA AUTOMOTIVE,
16	ARD 92968 Smog Check Station License No. RC 92968	CHARLES L. SUTTON ONLY
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1	Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 74536)	
2	Brake Adjuster License No. BA 74536 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 74536	
3	Respondents.	
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5	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-	
6	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:	
7	PARTIES	
8	1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair. He	
9	brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D.	
10	Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael Brown, Deputy Attorney General.	
ιi	2. Respondent Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive; Charles L. Sutton	
12	("Respondent Sierra") is representing itself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise it	
13	right to be represented by counsel.	
14	Charles Sutton Chevron Inc dba Sierra Automotive	
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration	
16	3. On or about January 17, 1982, the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau") issued	
17	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 92968 to Respondent Sierra. The Automotive	
18	Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought	
19	in Accusation No. 77/14-32 and will expire on January 31, 2016, unless renewed.	
20	Smog Check Station License	
21	4. On or about November 21, 1985, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License No.	
22	RC 92968 to Respondent Sierra. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at	
23	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/14-32 and will expire on January	
24	31, 2016, unless renewed.	
25	Lamp Station License	
26	5. On or about March 24, 1998, the Bureau issued Lamp Station License No. LS 92968	
27	to Respondent Sierra. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant	
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to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/14-32 and will expire on January 31, 2016, unless renewed.

#### **Brake Station License**

6. On or about April 13, 1988, the Bureau issued Brake Station License No. BS 92968 to Respondent Sierra. The Brake Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 77/14-32 and will expire on January 31, 2016, unless renewed

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 7. Accusation No. 77/14-32 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the Bureau, and is currently pending against Respondent Sierra. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Sierra on December 9, 2013. Respondent Sierra failed to timely file its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation and a Default Decision and Order was filed. Respondent Sierra filed a Petition for Reconsideration which was granted.
- 8. A copy of Accusation No. 77/14-32 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 9. Respondent Sierra has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 77/14-32. Respondent Sierra has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 10. Respondent Sierra is fully aware of its legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at its own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

11. Respondent Sierra voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 12. Respondent Sierra admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 77/14-32.
- 13. Respondent Sierra agrees that its Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station License and Brake Station License are subject to discipline and it agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondent Sierra understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent Sierra. By signing the stipulation, Respondent Sierra understands and agrees that it may not withdraw its agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 16. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 92968, Smog Check Station License No. RC 92968, Lamp Station License No. LS 92968 and Brake Station License No. BS 92968 issued to Respondent Sierra are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondent Sierra is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. **Obey All Laws.** Comply with all statutes, regulations and rules governing automotive inspections, estimates and repairs.
- 2. **Reporting.** Respondent Sierra or Respondent Sierra's authorized representative must report in person or in writing as prescribed by the Bureau of Automotive Repair, on a schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than each quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.
- 3. **Report Financial Interest.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this action, report any financial interest which any partners, officers, or owners of the Respondent Sierra facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 4. Random Inspections. Provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to inspect all vehicles (including parts) undergoing repairs, up to and including the point of completion.
- 5. **Jurisdiction.** If an accusation is filed against Respondent Sierra during the term of probation, the Director of Consumer Affairs shall have continuing jurisdiction over this matter until the final decision on the accusation, and the period of probation shall be extended until such decision.

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- 6. Violation of Probation. Should the Director of Consumer Affairs determine that Respondent Sierra has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, the Department may, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard temporarily or permanently invalidate the Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station License and Brake Station License.
- 7. **Restrictions.** During the period of probation, Respondent Sierra shall not perform any form of smog inspection, or emission system diagnosis or repair, until Respondent Sierra has purchased, installed, and maintained the diagnostic and repair equipment prescribed by BAR necessary to properly perform such work, and BAR has been given 10 days notice of the availability of the equipment for inspection by a BAR representative.
- 8. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent Sierra shall pay to the Bureau a portion of investigation and enforcement of this matter in the amount of \$10,000.00, paid as follows: Respondent Sierra shall make fifty-four (54) equal monthly payments of \$185.18 per month, beginning the month of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order. All payments shall be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or money order, payable to the Bureau of Automotive Repair and shall be mailed or delivered to the Bureau of Automotive Repair, 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, Attention Enforcement Planning and Oversight. Failure to complete payment of cost recovery within this timeframe shall constitute a violation of probation which may subject the registration and licenses of Respondent Sierra to outright revocation; however, the Director or the Director's Bureau of Automotive Repair designee may elect to continue probation until such time as reimbursement of the entire cost recovery amount has been made to the Bureau.

ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station License and Brake Station License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be \$ bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of Consumer Affairs. DATED: CHARLES SUTTON CHEVRON, INC., DBA SIERRA AUTOMOTIVE: CHARLES L. SUTTON Respondent IIIIIISTIPULATED SETTLEMENT (77/14-32)

### **ENDORSEMENT** The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs Dated: April 15, 2015 Respectfully submitted, KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California ARMANDO ZAMBRANO Supervising Deputy Attorney General 8, MICHAEL BROWN Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant LA2013510079 51731927\_2.doc

## Exhibit A

Accusation No. 77/14-32

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16	Smog Check Station License No. RC 92968 Brake Check Station License No. BS 92968	
17	Lamp Station License No. LS 92968	
18	ANTHONY ALLEN HAZELWOOD 1005 Meadows Street	
19	Bakersfield, CA 93306 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO	
20	306035 Smog Check Repair Technician License	
21	Number EI 306035 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No.	
22	EA 306035) Brake Adjuster License No. BA 306035	
23	Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 306035	
24	and	
25	DAVID LEE MCCOY 2634 Center Street	
26	Bakersfield, CA 93306 Advanced Emission Specialist Technician	
27	License No. EA 74536 (to be redesignated upon renewal as EO 74536 and/or EI 74536)	
28	Brake Adjuster License No. BA 74536	

1	Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 74536	
2	Respondents.	
3	Complainant alleges:	
4	PARTIES/LICENSE INFORMATION	
5	1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity	
6	as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs.	
7	Charles Sutton Chevron Inc dba Sierra Automotive	
8	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration	
9	2. On or about January 27, 1982, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer	
.0	Registration Number ARD 92968 ("registration") to Charles Sutton Chevron Inc., dba Sierra	
.1	Automotive; Charles L. Sutton ("Respondent Sierra"), with Charles L. Sutton as President,	
.2	Secretary and Treasurer. The registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the	
3	charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.	
4	Smog Check Station License	
.5	3. On or about November 21, 1985, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License	
6	Number RC 92968 ("station license") to Respondent Sierra. The station license was in full force	
7	and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014	
.8	unless renewed.	
9.	Lamp Station License	
20	4. On or about March 24, 1998, the Bureau issued Lamp Station License Number LS	
21	92968 to Respondent Sierra. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times	
22	relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.	
23	Brake Station License	
24	5. On or about April 13, 1988, the Bureau issued Brake Station License Number BS	
25	92968 to Respondent Sierra. The brake station license was in full force and effect at all times	
26	relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2014, unless renewed.	
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Technician License/Inspector License (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 306035)

6. In or about 1996, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 306035 to Anthony Allen Hazelwood ("Respondent Hazelwood"). Respondent Hazelwood's Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License expired on July 31. 2012. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e) , the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent Hazelwood's election, as Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 306035 ("inspector license") and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 306035 ("repair technician license"), effective August 16, 2012. Respondent Hazelwood's inspector license and repair technician license were in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2014, unless renewed.

#### Brake Adjuster License

In or about 1998, the Bureau issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 306035 to Respondent Hazelwood. Respondent Hazelwood's brake adjuster license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2014, unless renewed.

#### Lamp Adjuster License

8. In or about 1998, the Bureau issued Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 306035 to Respondent Hazelwood. Respondent Hazelwood's lamp adjuster license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2014, unless renewed.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.28, 3340.29, and 3340.30 were amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced Emission Specialist Technician (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog Check Inspector (EO) license and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

#### David Lee McCoy

#### Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License

9. In or about 1996, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 74536 ("technician license") to David Lee McCoy ("Respondent McCoy"). Respondent McCoy's technician license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2013, unless renewed. Upon timely renewal of the license, the license will be redesignated as EO 74536 and/or EI 74536.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Brake Adjuster License**

10. In or about 1987, the Bureau issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 74536 to Respondent McCoy. Respondent McCoy's brake adjuster license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2014, unless renewed.

#### Lamp Adjuster License

11. In or about 1987, the Bureau issued Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 74536 to Respondent McCoy. Respondent McCoy's lamp adjuster license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2014, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

- 12. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 9884.7 provides that the director may revoke an automotive repair dealer registration.
- 13. Section 9884.13 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision invalidating a registration temporarily or permanently.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 3340.28, 3340.29, and 3340.30 were amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced Emission specialist Technician (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog Check Inspector (EO) license and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

- 14. Section 44002 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.
- 15. Section 44072.6 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.
- 16. Section 44072.6 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.
  - 17. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:

"When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director."

18. California Code or Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28(e), states that "[u]pon renewal of an unexpired Basic Area Technician license or an Advanced Emission Specialist Technician license issued prior the effective date of this regulation, the licensee may apply to renew as a Smog Check Inspector, Smog Check Repair Technician, or both."

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

- 19. Section 9884.7 of the Code states:
- "(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.

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- "(3) Failing or refusing to give to a customer a copy of any document requiring his or her signature, as soon as the customer signs the document.
  - "(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.
  - "(5) Conduct constituting gross negligence.
- "(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this or regulations adopted pursuant to it."
  - 20. Section 9884.9 of the Code states:
- "(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.

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"(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:

"I acknowledge notice and oral approval of an increase in the original estimated price.

(signature or initials)"

"Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring an automotive repair dealer to give a written estimated price if the dealer does not agree to perform the requested repair."

- 21. Section 9889.1 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Director may suspend or revoke any license issued under Articles 5 and 6 (commencing with section 9887.1) of the Automotive Repair Act.
  - 22. Section 9889.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as provided in this article [Article 7 (commencing with section 9889.1) of the Automotive Repair Act] if the licensee or any partner, officer, or director thereof:

- "(a) Violates any section of the Business and Professions Code which relates to his or her licensed activities.
- "(c) Violates any of the regulations promulgated by the director pursuant to this chapter [the Automotive Repair Act].
  - "(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.
- "(h) Violates or attempts to violate the provisions of this chapter relating to the particular activity for which he or she is licensed."
- 23. Section 9889.7 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the Director or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with any disciplinary proceedings.

24. Section 9889.9 of the Code states:

"When any license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under the provisions of this article, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director."

25. Section 9889.16 of the Code states:

"Whenever a licensed adjuster in a licensed station upon an inspection or after an adjustment, made in conformity with the instructions of the bureau, determines that the lamps or the brakes upon any vehicle conform with the requirements of the Vehicle Code, he shall, when requested by the owner or driver of the vehicle, issue a certificate of adjustment on a form prescribed by the director, which certificate shall contain the date of issuance, the make and registration number of the vehicle, the name of the owner of the vehicle, and the official license of the station."

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

26. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:

"The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the following:

- "(a) Violates any section of this chapter [the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (Health and Saf. Code, § 44000, et seq.)] and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, which related to the licensed activities.
  - "(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.
- "(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured."

#### REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 27. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3305 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) Performance Standards. All adjusting, inspecting, servicing, and repairing of brake systems and lamp systems shall be performed in official stations in accordance with current

standards, specifications, instructions, and directives issued by the bureau and by the manufacturer of the device or vehicle.

- 28. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3316 states, in pertinent part:
- (d)(2) Inspection of the Entire Lighting System. "Where all of the lamps, lighting equipment, and related electrical systems on a vehicle have been inspected and found in compliance with all requirements of the Vehicle Code and bureau regulations, the certificate shall certify that the entire system meets all such requirement."
  - 29. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3321 states, in pertinent part:
- (c)(2) Inspection of the Entire Brake System. "Where the entire brake system on any vehicle has been inspected or tested and found in compliance with all requirements of the Vehicle Code and bureau regulations, and the vehicle has been road-tested, the certificate shall certify that the entire system meets all such requirements."
  - 30. California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 3340.24, subdivision (c), states:

"The bureau may suspend or revoke the license of or pursue other legal action against a licensee, if the licensee falsely or fraudulently issues or obtains a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance."

31. California Code of Regulation, title 16, section 3340.30, subdivision (a), states that a licensed smog technician shall at all times "[i]nspect, test and repair vehicles, as applicable, in accordance with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, section 44035 of the Health and Safety Code, and section 3340.42 of this article."

#### COST\_RECOVERY

32. Section 125.3 of the Code 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.

#### UNDERCOVER OPERATION NO. 1: 1991 BUICK

33. On July 18, 2012, an undercover operator of the Bureau ("operator") took the Bureau's 1991 Buick to Respondent Sierra's facility and requested a brake, lamp and smog

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below manufacturer's discard thickness and the right rear brake drum's diameter above the manufacturer's discard diameter. The vehicle's front left headlamp was out of adjustment and the rear license plate bulb was inoperative. Also, the vehicle's emission system was missing the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) valve system and had a non-functioning Service Engine Soon (SES) light or Malfunction Indicator Light (MIL) bulb. When the operator arrived at Respondent Sierra's facility, a male employee completed a repair order. The operator was not provided a copy of the signed document. Respondent Hazelwood performed the brake and lamp inspections and issued brake and lamp certificates. Respondent Hazelwood performed the smog inspection and the vehicle failed due to the PCV valve system was missing from the vehicle and an aftermarket filter was installed in its place. The operator paid \$115.95 and was provided with a copy of Invoice No Rake Certificate Number and Lamp Certificate Number

On July 26, 2012, a Bureau representative re-inspected the vehicle and found that the right front wheel and the right rear brake drum were not removed, the left front brake rotor and the right rear brake drum were out of the manufacturer's specification. In addition, both front headlamps had not been adjusted, the driver's side headlamp was out of the manufacturer's specification and the license plate light bulb was inoperative.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate Number BC1450987 that the applicable inspection was performed on the brake system when, in fact, Respondent Sierra 's adjuster, Respondent Hazelwood, failed to inspect the brake system on the vehicle, as evidenced by his failure to remove the right front wheel and the right rear brake drum.

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- b. Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate Number BC1450987 that the left front brake rotor and the right rear drum were within manufacturer's specification.
- c. Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Lamp Certificate Number LC1452584 that the applicable adjustments had been performed on the lamp system when, in fact, both front headlamps had not been adjusted and the driver's side headlamp was out of manufacturer's specification. In addition, the rear license plate bulb was inoperative.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

- 36. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(4), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra committed acts that constitute fraud, as follows:
- a. Respondent Sierra obtained payment from the operator for performing the applicable inspections and adjustments on the vehicle's brake and lamp systems as specified by the Bureau and in accordance with the Vehicle Code when, in fact, Respondent Sierra failed to perform the necessary inspections.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Gross Negligence)

37. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(5), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra committed acts constituting gross negligence, in that Respondent's adjuster, Respondent Hazelwood, failed to properly inspect the vehicle's brake and lamp systems and issued Brake Certificate BC1450987 and Lamp Certificate Number LC1452584, indicating that the vehicle's brake and lamp systems were in satisfactory condition and were in accordance with the Vehicle Code when, in fact, they were not.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide a Copy of a Signed Document)

38. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(3), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra failed to provide the operator with a copy of the estimate as soon as the operator signed the document.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

- 39. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of that Code in the following material respects:
- a. <u>Section 9884.9(a):</u> Respondent Sierra failed to provide the operator with a written estimated price for parts and labor for a specific job.

#### b. Section 9889.16:

- i. Respondent Hazelwood issued Brake Certificate Number BC1450987 for the vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of the Vehicle Code, in that the left front brake rotor and the right rear brake drum were out of manufacturer's specifications.
- ii. Respondent Hazelwood issued Lamp Certificate Number LC1452584 for the vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of the Vehicle Code, in that both front headlamps had not been adjusted, the driver's side headlamp was out of the manufacturer's specification and the license plate light bulb was inoperative.

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

40. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:

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Respondent Sierra committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was

injured, as more particularly set forth above in paragraphs 33 and 34.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

44. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(a), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Hazelwood violated sections of the Code, relating to his licensed activities, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 37.

#### **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

45. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(c), in that on or about July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Hazelwood failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 38.

#### TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit - Adjuster Licenses)

46. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(d), in that on or July 18, 2012, regarding the 1991 Buick, Respondent Hazelwood committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit, by issuing Brake Certificate Number BC1450987 and Lamp Certificate Number LC1452584, certifying that the brake and lamp systems were in satisfactory condition and in accordance with the Vehicle Code, when, in fact, they were not.

#### <u>UNDERCOVER</u> OPERATION NO. 2: 1994 PONTIAC

47. On October 8, 2012, an operator took the Bureau's 1994 Pontiac to Respondent Sierra's facility and requested a brake, lamp and smog inspection. The vehicle's rear brake rotors were below the manufacturer's recommended discard specification. The vehicle's right front headlamp was out of specification and the rear license plate bulb was inoperative. Also, the vehicle's emission system had an inoperative MIL bulb. When the operator arrived at Respondent Sierra's facility, a male employee completed a repair order. The operator was not provided a copy of the signed document. Respondent Hazelwood performed the brake inspection,

lamp inspection and the smog inspection.	The operator paid \$124.20 and was provided with a
copy of Invoice No, Brake Certifica	te Number Barrand, Lamp Certificate Number
and the Vehicle Inspection Rep	port (VIR) with Certificate of Compliance No.

48. On October 9, 2012, a Bureau representative re-inspected the vehicle and found that the left front wheel and both right side wheels were not removed and both rear brake rotors were below the manufacturer's discard specification. Also, the vehicle's right front headlamp was out of adjustment and the rear license plate light bulb was inoperative. A smog inspection was performed on the vehicle and it failed the functional portion of the smog inspection due to the inoperative MIL bulb.

#### THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 49. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent Sierra issued electronic Certificate of Compliance No. XL075981, certifying that the vehicle was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations when, in fact, it could not have passed the functional portion of the smog inspection because the vehicle's MIL bulb was inoperative.
- b. Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate Number BC1535222 that the applicable inspection was performed on the brake system when, in fact, Respondent Sierra's adjuster, Respondent Hazelwood, failed to inspect the brake system on the vehicle, as evidenced by his failure to remove the left front wheel and both right side wheels.
- c. Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Brake Certificate Number BC1535222 that both rear brake rotors were in satisfactory condition when, in fact, they were below the manufacturer's discard specification.

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1	d. Respondent Sierra certified under penalty of perjury on Lamp Certificate Number
2	LC1511132 that the applicable adjustments had been performed on the lamp system when, in
3	fact, the right front headlamp was out of adjustment. In addition, the rear license plate light was
4	inoperative.
5	FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
6	(Fraud)
7	50. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section
8	9884.7(a)(4), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra
9	committed acts that constitute fraud, as follows:
10	a. Respondent Sierra issued electronic Certificate of Compliance No.
11	without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the
12	vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the
13	Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.
14	b. Respondent Sierra obtained payment from the operator for performing the applicable
15	inspections and adjustments on the vehicle's brake and lamp system as specified by the Bureau
16	and in accordance with the Vehicle Code when, in fact, Respondent Sierra failed to perform the
17	necessary inspections.
18	FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
19	(Gross Negligence)
20	51. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section
21	9884.7(a)(5), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra
22	committed acts constituting gross negligence, in that Respondent's adjuster, Respondent
23	Hazelwood, failed to properly inspect the vehicle's brake and lamp systems and issued Brake
24	Certificate and Lamp Certificate Number indicating that the vehicle's
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#### SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide a Copy of a Signed Document)

52. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(3), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra failed to provide the operator with a copy of the estimate as soon as the operator signed the document.

#### SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

- 53. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of that Code in the following material respects:
- a. <u>Section 9884.9(a):</u> Respondent Sierra failed to provide the operator with a written estimated price for parts and labor for a specific job.

#### b. Section 9889.16:

- i. Respondent Hazelwood issued Brake Certificate Number for the vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of the Vehicle Code, in that both rear brake rotors were below the manufacturer's discard specification.
- ii. Respondent Hazelwood issued Lamp Certificate Number for the vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of the Vehicle Code, in that the front right headlamp was out of adjustment. In addition, the rear license plate lamp was inoperative.

#### EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

54. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:

- a. <u>Section 3305(a):</u> Respondent Hazelwood failed to perform a brake and lamp inspection in accordance with the vehicle's manufacturer standards and/or current standards, specifications, recommended procedures, and/or directives issued by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 3316(d)(2):</u> Respondent Hazelwood issued Lamp Certificate Number, certifying that the vehicle's lamp system had been inspected and was in satisfactory condition when, in fact, it was not.
- c. <u>Section 3321(c)(2):</u> Respondent Hazelwood issued Brake Certificate Number, certifying that the vehicle's brake system had been inspected and was in satisfactory condition when, in fact, it was not.

#### **NINETEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

55. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(a), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra violated sections of the Code, relating to its licensed activities, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 51.

#### TWENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

56. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(c), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 52.

#### TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

57. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9889.3(d), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as more particularly set forth above in paragraphs 47 and 48.

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#### TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

58. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(a), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Hazelwood violated sections of the Code, relating to his licensed activities, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 51.

#### TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

59. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(c), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Hazelwood failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 52.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit - Adjuster Licenses)

60. Respondent Hazelwood's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(d), in that on or about October 8, 2012, regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Hazelwood committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit, by issuing Brake Certificate Number and Lamp Certificate Number certifying that the brake and lamp systems were in satisfactory condition and in accordance with the Vehicle Code, when, in fact, they were not.

### TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 61. Respondent Sierra's smog check station license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(a), in that regarding the 1994 Pontiac, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. <u>Section 44012:</u> Respondent Sierra failed to perform the emission control tests on the vehicle in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

#### **UNDERCOVER OPERATION NO. 3: 1997 DODGE**

- 67. On November 21, 2012, an operator took the Bureau's 1997 Dodge to Respondent Sierra's facility and requested a brake, lamp and smog inspection. The vehicle's rear brake drums were beyond the manufacturer's recommended discard specification. The vehicle's right front headlamp was out of specification and the rear license plate bulb was inoperative. Also, the vehicle's emission system had a missing PCV system. When the operator arrived at Respondent Sierra's facility, a male employee completed a repair order. The operator was not provided a copy of the signed document. Respondent McCoy performed the brake inspection, lamp inspection and the smog inspection. The operator paid \$124.20 and was provided with a copy of Invoice No. Brake Certificate Number Alamp Certificate Number and VIR Certificate of Compliance No.
- 68. On November 27, 2012, a Bureau representative re-inspected the vehicle and found that the front wheels and the right rear wheel were not removed and the rear brake drums were beyond the manufacturer's discard specification. Also, the vehicle's right front headlamp was out of manufacturer's specification, the headlamp aiming adjusters were not adjusted and the rear license plate light bulb was inoperative. A smog inspection was performed on the vehicle and it failed due to the missing PCV system.

#### THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 69. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section 9884.7(a)(1), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent Sierra issued electronic Certificate of Compliance No. certifying that the vehicle was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations when, in fact, it could not have passed the functional portion of the smog inspection because the vehicle's PCV system was missing.

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	Sierra committed acts constituting gross negligence, in that Respondent's adjuster, Respondent
	McCoy, failed to properly inspect the vehicle's brake and lamp systems and issued Brake
	Certificate B and Lamp Certificate Number , indicating that the vehicle's
	brake and lamp systems were in satisfactory condition and were in accordance with the Vehicle
	Code when, in fact, they were not.
	THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
	(Failure to Provide a Copy of a Signed Document)
	72. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline under Code section
	9884.7(a)(3), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent
	Sierra failed to provide the operator with a copy of the estimate as soon as the operator signed the
	document.
	THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
	(Failure to Comply with the Code)
	73. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section
	9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent
	Sierra failed to comply with provisions of that Code in the following material respects:
	a. <u>Section 9884.9(a):</u> Respondent Sierra failed to provide the operator with a written
	estimated price for parts and labor for a specific job.
	b. <u>Section 9889.16:</u>
	i. Respondent McCoy issued Brake Certificate Number for the
	vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of
	the Vehicle Code, in that both rear brake rotors were beyond the manufacturer's discard
	specification.
	ii. Respondent McCoy issued Lamp Certificate Number for the
	vehicle, when the vehicle was not in compliance with Bureau regulations or the requirements of
	the Vehicle Code, in that the front right headlamp was out of adjustment and the headlamp aiming
	adjusters were not adjusted. In addition, the rear license plate lamp was inoperative.

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#### THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

- 74. Respondent Sierra's registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7(a)(6), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, in the following material respects:
- a. <u>Section 3305(a):</u> Respondent McCoy failed to perform a brake and lamp inspection in accordance with the vehicle's manufacturer standards and/or current standards, specifications, recommended procedures, and/or directives issued by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 3316(d)(2):</u> Respondent McCoy issued Lamp Certificate Number, certifying that the vehicle's lamp system had been inspected and was in satisfactory condition when, in fact, it was not.
- c. <u>Section 3321(c)(2):</u> Respondent McCoy issued Brake Certificate Number, certifying that the vehicle's brake system had been inspected and was in satisfactory condition when, in fact, it was not

#### THIRTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

75. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(a), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra violated sections of the Code, relating to its licensed activities, as more particularly set forth above in-paragraph 71.

#### THIRTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

76. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(c), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 72.

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#### THIRTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

77. Respondent Sierra's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9889.3(d), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured, as more particularly set forth above in paragraphs 67 and 68.

#### FORTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with the Code)

78. Respondent McCoy's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(a), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent McCoy violated sections of the Code, relating to his licensed activities, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 71.

#### FORTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

79. Respondent McCoy's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3(c), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent McCoy failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as more particularly set forth above in paragraph 72.

#### FORTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Acts Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit - Adjuster Licenses)

80. Respondent McCoy's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject	et to discipline unde
Code section 9889.3(d), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the	e 1997 Dodge,
Respondent McCoy committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit, by	issuing Brake
Certificate Number and Lamp Certificate Number	certifying that the
brake and lamp systems were in satisfactory condition and in accordance with	h the Vehicle Code,
when, in fact, they were not.	

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#### FORTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 81. Respondent Sierra's smog check station license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(a), in that regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. <u>Section 44012:</u> Respondent Sierra failed to perform the emission control tests on the vehicle in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent Sierra issued electronic smog Certificate of Compliance Number XN354318 for the vehicle without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

#### FORTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the

#### Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 82. Respondent Sierra's smog check station license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(c), in that regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent Sierra failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.35(c)</u>: Respondent Sierra issued electronic smog Certificate of Compliance Number for the vehicle even though the vehicle had not been inspected in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
- b. <u>Section 3340.42:</u> Respondent Sierra failed to conduct the required smog tests on the vehicle in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### FORTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

83. Respondent Sierra's smog check station license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(d), in that on or about November 21, 2012, Respondent Sierra committed a dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful act whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog Certificate of Compliance Number for the 1997 Dodge without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle,

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thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### FORTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 84. Respondent McCoy's technician license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(a), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, Respondent McCoy failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. <u>Section 44012:</u> Respondent McCoy failed to perform the emission control tests on the vehicle in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. <u>Section 44032:</u> Respondent McCoy failed to perform a test of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

#### FORTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Comply with Regulations)

- 85. Respondent McCoy's technician license is subject to discipline under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(c), in that on or about November 21, 2012, regarding the 1997 Dodge, he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.30(a):</u> Respondent McCoy failed to inspect and test the vehicle in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- b. <u>Section 3340.42:</u> Respondent McCoy failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on the vehicle in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

86. Respondent McCoy's technician license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2(d), in that on or about November 21, 2012, Respondent McCoy committed a dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful act whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog Certificate of Compliance Number for the 1997 Dodge without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle,

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thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- Pursuant to Code section 9884.7(c), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, upon a finding that it has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violation of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Station License Number RC 92968, issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 89. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Station License Number , issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensees may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Station License Number BS 92968, issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensees may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 91. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 306035 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 306035 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 306035), issued to Anthony Allen Hazelwood, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 92. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 306035, issued to Anthony Allen Hazelwood, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under

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Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

- 93. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 306035. issued to Anthony Allen Hazelwood, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 94. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Respondent David Lee McCoy's Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number, currently designated as EA 74536 and as redesignated upon timely renewal as EO 74536 and/or EI 74536, is/are revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 95. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 74536, issued to David Lee McCoy, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 96. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 74536, issued to David Lee McCoy, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Business and Professions Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 92968, issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive;
- 2. Revoking, suspending, or placing on probation any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Station License Number RC 92968, issued to Charles Sutton Chevron, Inc., dba Sierra Automotive;

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renewal as EO 74536 and/or EI 74536;

15. Revoking or suspending Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 74536, issued to David Lee McCoy;

Revoking or suspending Brake Adjuster License Number BA 74536, issued to David