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10	FOR THE BUREAU OF A STATE OF CA					
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/22-13874				
14	MAFREDI GROUP, INC., DBA SUPREME AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE; VICTOR					
15 16	CALIZ, President/Secretary/Treasurer 12205 S. Prairie Avenue, Unit A Hawthorne, CA 90250	ACCUSATION				
17	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.					
18	ARD 283831 Smog Check Station License No. RC 283831					
19	Lamp Station License No. LS 283831, class A Brake Station License No. BS 283831, class C					
20	and					
21	VICTOR CALIZ 11945 Birch Avenue					
22	Hawthorne, CA 90250					
23	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 27468 Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI					
24	27468 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 27468, class A					
25	Brake Adjuster License No. BA 27468, class C					
26	Respondent.					
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	(MAFREDI GROUP, INC., DBA SUPREME AUTOMOTIV	VE SERVICE, VICTOR CALIZ and VICTOR CALIZ)				

ACCUSATION

PARTIES

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On or about June 8, 2016, the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau) issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 283831 to Mafredi Group, Inc., dba Supreme Automotive Service, Victor Caliz President/Secretary/Treasurer (Respondent Mafredi). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about July 12, 2016, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 283831 to Respondent Mafredi. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about July 12, 2016, the Bureau issued Lamp Station License Number LS 283831, class A, to Respondent Mafredi. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.
- 5. On or about July 12, 2016, the Bureau issued Brake Station License Number BS 283831, class C, to Respondent Mafredi. The Brake Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2023, unless renewed.
- 6. In 1997, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 27468 to Victor Caliz (Respondent Caliz). Respondent Caliz's Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License was due to expire on November 30, 2012, however, was cancelled on October 22, 2012. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e)¹, the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent Caliz's election, as Smog Check Inspector License

¹ 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.

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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

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

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.
 - (4) Any other conduct which constitutes fraud.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations
- Section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code states:

The test at the smog check stations shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department and may require loaded mode dynamometer testing in enhanced areas, two-speed idle testing, testing utilizing a vehicle's onboard diagnostic system, or other appropriate test procedures as determined by the department in consultation with the state board. The department shall implement testing using onboard diagnostic systems, in lieu of loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing, on model year 2000 and newer vehicles only, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2013. However, the department, in consultation with the state board, may prescribe alternative test procedures that include loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing for vehicles with onboard diagnostic systems that the department and the state board determine exhibit operational problems. The department shall ensure, as appropriate to the test method, the following:

(a) Emission control systems required by state and federal law are reducing excess emissions in accordance with the standards adopted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 44013.

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1	Section 9880) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, constitutes perjury and is punishable as provided in the Penal Code.					
2	17. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states:					
3	The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a					
4	license as provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the following:					
5	(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,					
6	which related to the licensed activities.					
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8	(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.					
10	(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.					
11	18. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:					
12	When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this					
13	article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.					
14	19. Section 44072.10 of the Health and Safety Code, subdivision (c) states:					
15 16	(c) The department shall revoke the license of any smog check technician or station licensee who fraudulently certifies vehicles or participates in the fraudulent inspection of vehicles. A fraudulent inspection includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:					
17	(1) Clean piping, as defined by the department.					
18	(2) Tampering with a vehicle emission control system or test analyzer system.					
19	(3) Tampering with a vehicle in a manner that would cause the vehicle to					
20	falsely pass or falsely fail an inspection.					
21	(4) Intentional or willful violation of this chapter or any regulation, standard, or					
22	procedure of the department implementing this chapter.					
23	REGULATORY PROVISIONS					
24	20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.24, states:					
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26	(c) 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					
27	certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance.					
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California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.30, states:

A licensed smog check inspector and/or repair technician shall comply with the following requirements at all times while licensed:.

- (a) Inspect, 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,
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.35, subdivision (c) states:
- (c) A licensed station shall issue a certificate of compliance or noncompliance to the owner or operator of any vehicle that has been inspected in accordance with the procedures specified in section 3340.42 of this article and has all the required emission control equipment and devices installed and functioning correctly.
- California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42, states:

Smog check inspection methods are prescribed in the Smog Check Manual,

- (a) All vehicles subject to a smog check inspection, shall receive one of the
- (1) A loaded-mode test shall be the test method used to inspect 1976 1999 model-year vehicle, except diesel-powered, registered in the enhanced program areas of the state. The loaded-mode test shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen emissions, as contained in the bureau's specifications referenced in subsection (a) of Section 3340.17 of this article. The loaded-mode test shall use Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) test equipment, including a chassis dynamometer, certified by the bureau.

On and after March 31, 2010, exhaust emissions from a vehicle subject to this inspection shall be measured and compared to the emissions standards shown in the Vehicle Look-up Table (VLT) Row Specific Emissions Standards (Cutpoints) Table, dated March 2010, which is hereby incorporated by reference. If the emissions standards for a specific vehicle are not included in this table then the exhaust emissions shall be compared to the emissions standards set forth in TABLE I or TABLE II, as applicable. A vehicle passes the loaded-mode test if all of its measured emissions are less than or equal to the applicable emission standards specified in the

(2) A two-speed idle mode test shall be the test method used to inspect 1976 -1999 model-year vehicles, except diesel-powered, registered in all program areas of the state, except in those areas of the state where the enhanced program has been implemented. The two-speed idle mode test shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide emissions at high RPM and again at idle RPM, as contained in the bureau's specifications referenced in subsection (a) of Section 3340.17 of this article. Exhaust emissions from a vehicle subject to this inspection shall be measured and compared to the emission standards set forth in this section and as shown in TABLE III. A vehicle passes the two-speed idle mode test if all of its measured emissions are less than or equal to the applicable emissions standards specified in Table III.

enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

25. A Bureau representative conducted a review of Supreme Automotive Service BAR-OIS smog check inspection records from the Vehicle Identification Database (VID). The review showed numerous vehicles that have been certified at Supreme Automotive Service with different e-VINS, with incorrect vehicle communication protocol² and incorrect Parameter Identification³ (PID) count. This confirmed that the vehicles received smog certificates were not tested during the OBD II functional test, therefore the vehicles that received smog certificates were fraudulently tested during the smog inspection using the clean plugging method.⁴ All of the following inspections were performed by Respondent Caliz. The following chart illustrates the clean plugging activities of Respondents Mafredi and Caliz between March 2022 and September 2022.

Table 1

Test	Test Date	Vehicle	Certificate	Technician	OIS Test Data Details
No.		Certified &	no.	License	
		License No.		No.	
1.	03/04/2022	2000 Chrysler	SM992028C	Victor	Comm. Protocol: JVPW
		Sebring JXI		Caliz	(Expected: I914)
		4MOF604		EO 27468	PID Count: 22 (Expected: 16 3)
					Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN: None expected)

² Protocol is simply the language used to communicate with a vehicle's computer(s). Protocol is a communication interface. This automated determination of the communication interface, or protocol, is built into the Data Acquisition Device (DAD) unit. This automatic function identifies five (5) protocols used by vehicles manufactured and sold in the United States that are subject to the Smog Check program.

³ Parameter Identifications (PIDs) are data points reported by the OBD II computer to the scan tool or BAR OIS.

⁴ Clean Plugging refers to the use of another vehicle's properly functioning On Board Diagnostic, generation II, (OBD II) system, or another source, to generate passing diagnostic readings for the purpose of issuing fraudulent smog Certificates of Compliance to vehicles that are not in smog compliance and/or not present for testing.

1	2.	04/21/2022	2003 BMW 745 LI	SO844084C	Victor Caliz	Comm. Protocol: JVPW (Expected: KWPF)
2			8JNT270		EO 27468	PID Count: 22
3						(Expected: 23 1 or 23 7)
4						Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN: Not
5	3.	07/25/2022	2007 Lincoln	SU030289C	Victor	expected) Comm. Protocol: JVPW
6			Town Car Executive		Caliz EO 27468	(Expected: ICAN11bt5)
7			8RON517			PID Count: 22 (Expected: 47)
8						Vin No.: Not reported
9						(Expected e-VIN: 1L1FM88WX7Y631532)
10	4.	08/25/2022	2001 Ford Mustang	SW072414C	Victor	Comm. Protocol: JVPW (Expected: JPWM)
11			UGAVGOD		Caliz EO 27468	PID Count: 22
12						(Expected: 21)
13						Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN:
14						1FAFP444X1F133203)
15 16	5.	09/08/2022	2003 Audi A4 1.8T	SW647905C	Victor Caliz	Comm. Protocol: JPWM (Expected: KWPF or
17			Quattro 9CIS159		EO 27468	KWPS)
18						PID Count: 16 (Expected: 18 or 18 5)
19						Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN: None
20						expected)
21	6.	09/23/2022	2005 Honda Accord LX	SW647936C	Victor Caliz	Comm. Protocol: JPWM (Expected: I914)
22			5LTR741		EO 27468	PID Count: 16
23						(Expected: 21)
24 25						Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN: JHMCM56445C007174)
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1	7.	09/28/2022	2004 Toyota Camry	SY197601C	Victor Caliz	Comm. Protocol: JPWM (Expected: I914)		
2			Solara SE 8SDL957		EO 27468	PID Count: 16 (Expected: 17)		
3 4						Vin No.: Not reported (Expected e-VIN: None		
5						expected)		
6		FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE						
7		(Untrue or Misleading Statements)						
8	26. Respondent Mafredi's Automotive Repair Registration is subject to discipline							
9	pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that between March 2022 and September							
10	2022, Respondent Mafredi made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of							
11	reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: Respondent Mafredi							
12	certified that vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, had passed inspection and were in							
13	compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Respondent Mafredi conducted the							
14	inspections on the vehicles using the clean plugging method by substituting or using different							
15	vehicles or another source during the OBD II functional tests in order to issue smog certificates of							
16	compliance for the seven (7) vehicles, and did not test or inspect the seven (7) vehicles as							
17	required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.							
18	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE							
19	(Fraud)							
20	2	27. Responde	nt Mafredi's Autor	motive Repair R	Registration is	subject to discipline		
21	pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that between March 2022 and September							
22	2022, Respondent Mafredi committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic smog							
23	certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, without performing							
24	bona f	bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby						
25	depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle							
26	Inspec	Inspection Program.						
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- b. <u>Section 3340.35</u>, <u>subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Mafredi issued electronic smog certificates of compliance even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42 of that Code.
- c. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Mafredi failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

30. Respondent Mafredi's Smog Check Station License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 44072.2, subdivision (d) and 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Mafredi committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

31. Respondent Caliz's Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License are subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, he failed to comply with section 44012 of that Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Caliz failed to perform the emission control tests on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

32. Respondent Caliz's Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair
Technician License are subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2,

subdivision (c), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Caliz falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent Caliz failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012.
- c. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Caliz failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

33. Respondent Caliz's Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License are subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 44072.2, subdivision (d) and 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

34. Respondent Mafredi's brake and lamp station licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Mafredi committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured.

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TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

35. Respondent Caliz's brake and lamp adjuster licenses are subject to discipline under Code section 9889.3, subdivision (d), in that between March 2022 and September 2022, regarding vehicles 1 through 7, set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Caliz committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another was injured.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

36. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Caliz, Complainant alleges that on or about June 23, 2008, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2008-1119 with an order for Respondent Caliz to complete an eight-hour training course. The Citation alleged that Respondent Caliz issued a Certificate of Compliance to a Bureau undercover vehicle with a missing AIR system. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

OTHER MATTERS

- 37. Pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (c), the director may suspend revoke, or place on probation the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Mafredi Inc., Victor Caliz President/Secretary/Treasurer, upon a finding that said Respondent Mafredi has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 38. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Station License Number RC 283831 issued to Mafredi Inc. dba Supreme Automotive Service, Victor Caliz President/Secretary/Treasurer, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Div 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 39. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Station License Number LS 283831, class A, issued to Mafredi Inc. dba Supreme Automotive Service, Victor Caliz President/Secretary/Treasurer, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Code in the name of said licensees may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

- 40. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Station License Number BS 283831, class C, issued to Mafredi Inc. dba Supreme Automotive Service, Victor Caliz President/Secretary/Treasurer is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Code in the name of said licensees may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 41. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 27468 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 27468 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 2768), issued to Victor Caliz, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Div 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 42. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 27468, class A, issued to Victor Caliz, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 43. Pursuant to Code section 9889.9, if Brake Adjuster License Number BA 27468, class C, issued to Victor Caliz, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Articles 5 and 6 of Chapter 20.3 of the 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 the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 283831, issued to Mafredi Group, Inc. dba Supreme Automotive Service, Victor Caliz – President/Secretary/Treasurer;
- 2. Revoking, suspending, or placing on probation any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to Mafredi Group, Inc.;

1	13. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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