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

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:

FLORIDA N. ZEIT DBA Z AND T TEST ONLY

6094 Mission Blvd #A Riverside, CA 92509

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 234019 Smog Check-Test Only Station License No. TC 234019

and

**JEHAD M. EL-ABED** 21307 Shakespeare Court Moreno Valley, CA 92557

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 24535)

Respondents.

Case No. 79/13-04

OAH No. 2013020136

# **DECISION**

The attached Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order as to Jehad M. El-Abed, 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 Jehad M. El-Abed, Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 24535).

Thi	s Decision shall become effective _	12/27/13
DATED:	November 27, 2013	Day
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		Assistant Chief Counsel
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12	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation	Case No. 79/13-04
13	Against: FLORIDA N. ZEIT	OAH No. 2013020136
14	DBA Z AND T TEST ONLY 6094 Mission Blvd #A	STIPULATION FOR REVOCATION OF
15	Riverside, CA 92509	LICENSE AND ORDER AS TO JEHAD M. EL-ABED, ONLY
16	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 234019	
17	Smog Check-Test Only Station License No. TC 234019	
18	and	
19	JEHAD M. EL-ABED	
20	21307 Shakespeare Court Moreno Valley, CA 92557	
21	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO	
22	24535 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 24535)	
23	Respondents.	
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26		REED by and between the parties to the above-
27	entitled proceedings that the following matters a	re true:
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#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Acting Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by David E. Hausfeld, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondent Jehad M. El-Abed (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Michael B. Levin, whose address is: Michael B. Levin, Law Offices of Michael B. Levin, 3727 Camino del Rio South, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92108-4035.
- 3. On a date uncertain in 1997, the BAR issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 24535 to Jehad M. El-Abed (Respondent). Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license was due to expire on March 31, 2013, however it was cancelled on March 26, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision(e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535, effective March 26, 2013. Respondent's smog check inspector license will expire on March 31, 2015.

# **JURISDICTION**

- 4. Accusation No. 79/13-04 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the BAR. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 26, 2012. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense, through counsel, contesting the Accusation.
- 5. First Amended Accusation No. 79/13-04 was filed before the Director, for the BAR, and is currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent and his attorney on October 2, 2013.
- 6. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 79/13-04 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 7. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 79/13-04. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order.
- 8. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.
- 9. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

# **CULPABILITY**

- 10. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in First Amended Accusation No. 79/13-04, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby stipulates to the revocation of his Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535.
- 11. Any admissions made by Respondent herein, whether general or specific, express or implied, do not constitute admissions for any other purpose or proceeding to which the Department of Consumer Affairs or Bureau of Automotive Repair are not a party, including third party civil, criminal or administrative proceedings.
- 12. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Director to issue an order revoking his Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535. without further process.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or the Director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the

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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 or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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 Stipulation for Revocation of License and 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.

- 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 15. This Stipulation for Revocation of License and 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 Stipulation for Revocation of License and 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.
- 16. 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 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535 issued to Respondent Jehad M. El-Abed is revoked.

1. The revocation of Respondent's Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535 shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation and order constitute a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Bureau.

- Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Smog Check Inspector licensee in California as of the effective date of the Director's Decision and Order.
- Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the BAR his Smog Check Inspector License
   No. EO 24535, on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever applies for licensure or petitions for reinstatement in the State of California, the BAR shall treat it as a new application for licensure. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for licensure in effect at the time the application or petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 79/13-04 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Director determines whether to grant or deny the application or petition.
- 5. Respondent, Jehad M. Bi-Abed, shall be jointly and severally responsible for costs incurred by BAR, with Co-Respondent, Florida N. Zeit, and shall pay the BAR its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$8,137.98, at the time of application for a new registration or license issued by the BAR.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Michael B. Levin. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the

Decision and Order of the Director of Consumer Affairs:

DATED: /0-23-2013

JEHAD M. EL-ABED Respondent

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2	conditions and other matters contained in the above S	tipulation for Revocation of License and
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6	MICHAEL B. Attorney for F	LEVIN, Respondent
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9	ENDORSEM	ENT
10	The foregoing Stipulation for Revocation of Lic	ense and Order is hereby respectfully
11	submitted for consideration by the Director of Consu	mer Affairs
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13		Respectfully submitted,
14 15	A J	AMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California AMES M. LEDAKIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General
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5	DATED:	
6	MICHAEL B. LEVIN, Attorney for Respondent	
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9	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>	
10	The foregoing Stipulation for Revocation of License and Order is hereby respectfully	
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# Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 79/13-04

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13	FLORIDA N. ZEIT, OWNER 6094 Mission Blvd #A	FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION
14	Riverside, CA 92509	
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 234019	
16	Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 234019	
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	and	
18	JEHAD M. EL-ABED 21307 Shakespeare Court	
19	Moreno Valley, CA 92557	
20	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535 (formerly Advanced Emission	
21	24535 (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 24535)	
22	Respondents.	
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24	Complainant alleges:	
25	PAR	TIES
26	Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings	this First Amended Accusation solely in his
27	official capacity as the Acting Chief of the Burea	u of Automotive Repair (BAR), Department of
28	Consumer Affairs.	
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### Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 234019

2. On a date uncertain in 2004, the BAR issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 234019 (Registration) to Florida N. Zeit, dba Z and T Test Only (Respondent Zeit). The Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on June 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.

# Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 234019

3. On or about August 3, 2004, the BAR issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 234019 (Smog Check Station License) to Florida N. Zeit, dba Z and T Test Only (Respondent Zeit). The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on June 30, 2013, and has not been renewed.

# Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 24535

4. On a date uncertain in 1997, the BAR issued Advanced Emission Specialist
Technician License Number EA 24535 (technician license) to Jehad M. El-Abed (Respondent El-Abed). Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license was due to expire on March 31, 2013, however was cancelled on March 26, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision(e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 24535, effective March 26, 2013. Respondent's smog check inspector license will expire on March 31, 2015.

#### JURISDICTION

- 5. This Accusation is brought before the Director under the authority of the following laws.
- 6. Business and Professions Code (Bus. & Prof. Code) section 9884.13 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 temporarily or permanently invalidating (suspending or revoking) a registration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

- 7. Health and Safety Code (Health & Saf. Code) section 44002 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.
- 8. Health & Saf. Code section 44072.6 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.
- 9. Bus. & Prof. 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 Bus. & Prof. Code.
  - 10. 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 that constitutes fraud.
  - (6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter [the Automotive Repair Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 9880, et seq.)] or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
  - (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 adopted pursuant to it.

15. Health & Saf. Code section 44012 provides, in pertinent part, that the test at the smog check stations shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department, pursuant to Section 44013.

# REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 16. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.24 (c), states:
- "(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 certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance."
- 17. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.30, states, in pertinent part:"A smog check technician shall comply with the following requirements at all times while licensed.
- "(a) A licensed technician shall inspect, test and repair vehicles 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.

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- 18. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.35, provides, in pertinent part, that a licensed station shall issue a certificate of compliance . . . 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.
  - 19. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.41 (c), states:

"No person shall enter into the emissions inspection system any vehicle identification information or emission control system identification data for any vehicle other than the one being tested. Nor shall any person knowingly enter into the emissions inspection system any false information about the vehicle being tested."

20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42, provides, in pertinent part, that smog check stations and smog check technicians shall conduct tests and inspections in

accordance with the bureau's BAR 97 Emissions Inspection System Specifications referenced in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 3340.17.

#### COSTS

21. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Director 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.

#### VID DATA REVIEW

- 22. In or about January 2012, the BAR initiated an investigation of Respondents based on a review of information from the BAR's vehicle information database (VID), which indicated that Respondents may be engaging in fraudulent smog check inspections.
- 23. Beginning in January of 2012, a representative of the BAR conducted a detailed review of VID data for all smog inspections performed at Respondent's automotive repair dealership for the period of October 13, 2011, through January 13, 2012. The review showed a pattern of OBD II test<sup>2</sup> diagnostic trouble codes stored in the memory of the power train control module (PCM) on different vehicles that received smog certificates in the four month period. The BAR specifically examined the VID data, in detail, for five of the vehicles that were certified from December 12, 2011 to December 29, 2011 and it was determined that none of them support the OBD II code. Vehicles 1 through 5, set forth in Table 1 in paragraph 23 below, were all certified with various pending codes stored in the PCM memory while the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) service information shows these vehicles do not support the pending codes stored in the PCM memory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The On Board Diagnostic, generation II ("OBD II"), functional test is an automated function of the BAR-97 Emissions Inspection System analyzer ("EIS"). The EIS includes a computer based, five-gas analyzer that tests vehicles under simulated driving conditions to detect oxides of nitrogen, hydrocarbons, and carbon monoxide emissions. During the OBD II functional test, the technician is required to connect an interface cable from the EIS to a Diagnostic Link Connector (DLC) which is located inside the vehicle. Through the DLC, the EIS automatically retrieves information from the vehicle's on-board computer about the status of the readiness indicators, trouble codes, and the MIL (malfunction indicator light). If the vehicle fails the OBD II functional test, it will fail the overall inspection.

23. The BAR representative obtained information indicating that none of these codes were applicable to the five vehicles. The VID data also showed that the inspections on all of the vehicles were performed under the technician license of Respondent El-Abed. The BAR concluded that Respondents performed the smog inspections on the vehicles using a different vehicle(s) during the OBD II tests, a method known as "clean plugging," resulting in the issuance of fraudulent certificates of compliance for the vehicles that were tested as outlined in the following table.

#### TABLE 1

Date & Time of	Vehicle Certified & License or VIN No.	Certificate No.
Inspection 1. 12/12/2011 14:34 – 14:43	2000 Toyota Echo; License No. 4KCE443	XB569741C
2. 12/14/2011 16:02 – 16:10	2002 Toyota Corolla; License No. 4VQA296	XB668656C
3. 12/15/2011 14:08 – 14:17	1997 Toyota 4Runner; License No. 3UBY980	XB668662C
4. 12/21/2011 14:44 – 14:51	2003 Toyota Corolla; License No. 5AIF595	XB767158C
5. 12/29/2011 16:42 – 16:49	1997 Hyundai Elantra; License No. 5BLD177	XB853671C

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

24. Respondent Zeit's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that they made or authorized statements which they knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Clean-plugging is the use of the OBD II readiness monitor status and stored code status of a passing vehicle for the purpose of illegally issuing a smog certificate to another vehicle that is not in compliance due to the noncompliant vehicle's failure to complete the minimum number of self tests, known as monitors, or due to the presence of a stored code that indicates an emission control system or component failure. Clean plugging occurs during the inspection of a vehicle that has an OBD II system. To clean plug a vehicle, the smog technician enters information into the EIS for the vehicle the technician wishes to certify and then plugs the OBD II system connection from the EIS into another vehicle that has a properly functioning OBD II system, rather than plugging the connection into the vehicle that was originally identified for testing.

follows: Respondent certified that vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, had passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Respondent conducted the inspections on the vehicles using clean-plugging methods in that, a different vehicle(s) was substituted during the OBD II functional tests in order to issue smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles, and the vehicles were not tested or inspected, as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Fraud)

25. Respondent Zeit's registration is subject to disciplinary action under pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that Respondent committed acts that constitute fraud by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, 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.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 26. Respondent Zeit's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. Section 44012, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to ensure that all emission control devices and systems required by law for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, were installed and functioning correctly in accordance with test procedures.
- b. Section 44012, subdivision (f): Respondent failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. Section 44015, subdivision (b): Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, without ensuring that the

vehicles were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

d. Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries for electronic certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, by certifying that the vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.

### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 27. Respondent Zeit's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (e): Respondent falsely or fraudulently issued
   electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above.
- b. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, even though the vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.
- c. Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to ensure that the required smog tests were conducted on vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with the BAR's specifications.

#### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

28. Respondent Zeit's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another is injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, 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)

- 29. Respondent El-Abed's technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. Section 44012, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to ensure that all emission control devices and systems required by law for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, were installed and functioning correctly in accordance with test procedures.
- b. Section 44012, subdivision (f): Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. Section 44015, subdivision (b): Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, without properly testing and inspecting the vehicles to determine if they were in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
- d. Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries for electronic certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, by certifying that the vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 30. Respondent El-Abed's technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondent falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above.
- b. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to inspect and test vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.

- c. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent entered into the emissions inspection system vehicle identification information or emission control system identification data for a vehicle other than the one being tested for vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above.
- d. Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

# EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

31. Respondent El-Abed's technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another is injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles 1 through 5, identified in Table 1 above, 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.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- 32. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (c), the Director may suspend, revoke or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by Respondent, Florida N. Zeit, owner of Z and T Test Only, upon a finding that Respondent has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 33. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 234019, issued to Respondent, Florida N. Zeit, owner of Z and T Test Only, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under the same chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 34. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 24535, (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 24535), issued to Respondent Jehad M. El-Abed, 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.

#### DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 35. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Zeit, Complainant alleges that on or about April 13, 2010, Citation No. C2010-1080 was issued to Respondent Zeit in the amount of \$500.00 for a violation of Health and Safety Code section 44012, subdivision (f). The Citation was paid on May 20, 2010.
- 36. Complainant further alleges that on or about April 13, 2010, Citation No. M2010-1081 was issued to Respondent El-Abed, which ordered him to enroll in and complete an eight hour training class for a violation of Health and Safety Code section 44032. Proof of completion of the class was submitted on May 20, 2010.

#### PRAYER

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

- Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD
   234019, issued to Florida N. Zeit, Owner of Z and T Test Only;
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC
   234019, issued to Florida N. Zeit, Owner of Z and T Test Only;
- 3. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Florida N. Zeit;
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 24535,
   (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 24535), issued to Jehad
   M. El-Abed;
- 5. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Jehad M. El-Abed;
- 6. Ordering Respondents Florida N. Zeit, Owner of Z and T Test Only and Jehad M. El-Abed to pay the Director the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

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