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



In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

D AND D AUTO REPAIR & SERVICE; SALEH ISAM ABUHIJLEH; AMEEN MUSA RIZK

15015 Leffingwell Rd.
Whittier, CA 90604
Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
No. ARD 219654
Smog Check Station License
No. RC 219654
Lamp Station License No. LS 219654
Brake Station License No. BS 219654,

and

SALEH ISAM ABUHIJLEH

11863 Abington St.
Riverside, CA 92503
Smog Check Inspector License
No. EO 31680
Smog Check Repair Technician License
No. EI 31680
Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 31680
Brake Adjuster License No. BA 31680

Respondents.

Case No. 79/15-64

OAH No. 2015030770

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted as the Decision of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective Utober 1, 2015

TAMARA COLSON

Assistant General Counsel

Department of Consumer Affairs

KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California ARMANDO ZAMBRANO Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 WILLIAM D. GARDNER Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 244817 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 5 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-2114 6 Facsimile: (213) 897-2804 Attorneys for Complainant 7 BEFORE THE 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 79/15-64 D AND D AUTO REPAIR & SERVICE; 12 SALEH ISAM ABUHIJLEH; AMEEN OAH No. 2015030770 **MUSA RIZK** STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND 13 15015 Leffingwell Rd. DISCIPLINARY ORDER Whittier, CA 90604 14 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 219654 15 Smog Check Station License No. RC 219654 Lamp Station License No. LS 219654 16 Brake Station License No. BS 219654, 17 and 18 SALEH ISAM ABUHIJLEH 11863 Abington St. 19 Riverside, CA 92503 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 20 31680 Smog Check Repair Technician License No. 21 EI 31680 Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 31680 22 Brake Adjuster License No. BA 31680 23 Respondents. 24 25 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-26 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: 27 /// 28 1

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PARTIES

- 1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair. 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 William D. Gardner, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondents Saleh Isam AbuHijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service and respondent Saleh Isam Abuhijleh, individually, (collectively, "Respondents") are represented in this proceeding by attorney Michael B. Levin, whose address is: 3727 Camino del Rio South, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92108.

ARD & STATION LICENSES

- 3. On or about February 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau") issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 219654 to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service ("D and D Auto"). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired on January 31, 2015, and was canceled on March 3, 2015.
- 4. On or about February 26, 2002, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 219654 to D and D Auto. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired on January 31, 2015, and was canceled on March 3, 2015.
- 5. On or about May 20, 2011, the Bureau issued Brake Station License Number BS 219654 to D and D Auto. The Brake Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired on January 31, 2015, and was canceled on March 3, 2015.
- 6. On or about May 20, 2011, the Bureau issued Lamp Station License Number LS 219654 to D and D Auto. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired on January 31, 2015, and was canceled on March 3, 2015.

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INSPECTOR AND ADJUSTER LICENSES

- 7. In 1997, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License
 Number EA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16,
 section 3340.28, subdivision (e), said license was renewed in 2013 as Smog Inspector License
 No. EO 31680 and Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 31680. Respondent's
 licenses were in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
 expire on April 30, 2017, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about April 18, 2011, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh. The Brake Adjuster License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2019, unless renewed.
- 9. On or about February 18, 2011, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh. The Lamp Adjuster License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2018, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 10. Accusation No. 79/15-64 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs (Director), for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on December 1, 2014. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 11. A copy of Accusation No. 79/15-64 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

¹ Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 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 and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 12. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/15-64. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 13. Respondents are fully aware of their 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 their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their 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.
- 14. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

Revocation of Licenses

- 15. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 77/15-64 and agree that cause exists for discipline and hereby agree to revocation of the following licenses: Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 219654; Smog Check Station License Number RC 219654; Brake Station License Number BS 219654; and Lamp Station License Number LS 219654.
- 16. Respondents understand that by signing this stipulation they enable the Director to issue his order accepting the voluntary revocation of their Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 219654, Smog Check Station License Number RC 219654, Brake Station License Number BS 219654 and Lamp Station License Number LS 219654, without further process.

Probationary Licenses & Registration

17. Respondent Saleh Isam Abuhijleh agrees that his Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 31680, Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 31680, Brake Adjuster License

Number BA 31680 and his Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 31680 are subject to discipline, and he agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 18. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director of Consumer Affairs or his designee. Respondents understand and agree 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 Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their 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.
- 19. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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:

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However, the revocations are stayed and Respondent's Smog Check Inspector License, Smog

Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 31680 issued to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh are reyoked.

Check Repair Technician License, Brake Adjuster License and Lamp Adjuster License are placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. Actual Suspension. Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 31680, Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 31680, Brake Adjuster License Number BA 31680 and Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 31680 issued to Respondent Saleh Isam Abuhijleh are suspended for fifteen (15) days, as of the effective date of this Decision and Order. During the time of suspension, Respondent shall not provide any services for which a Smog Check Inspector License, Smog Check Repair Technician License, Brake Adjuster License or a Lamp Adjuster License is required.
- 2. **Obey All Laws.** Comply with all statutes, regulations and rules governing automotive inspections, estimates and repairs.
- 3. **Reporting.** Respondent or Respondent'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.
- 4. **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 facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 5. **Random Inspections.** Provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to inspect all vehicles (including parts) undergoing repairs, up to and including the point of completion.
- 6. **Jurisdiction.** If an accusation is filed against Respondent 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.
- 7. **Violation of Probation.** Should the Director of Consumer Affairs determine that Respondent has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of probation, the Department may, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard, suspend or revoke the license.

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- 8. Education. Respondent shall successfully complete a 68-hour Bureau certified Licensed Inspector Training Course within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the Decision and Order. If proof of completion of the course is not furnished to the Bureau within the one hundred eighty (180) day period, Respondent's Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License shall be suspended until such proof is received.
- 9. Cost Recovery. Payment to the Bureau the amount of \$4,972,50 as reasonable reimbursement for the costs related to the investigation and enforcement of this matter. Respondent shall make such payment in twenty-four (24) equal monthly installments with final payment due no later than twelve (12) months prior to the termination of probation. Failure to complete payment of cost recovery within this time frame shall constitute a violation of probation which may subject Respondent's Smog Check Inspector License, Smog Check Repair Technician License, Lamp Adjuster License and/or Brake Adjuster License 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 above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Michael B. Levin. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station License, Brake Station License, Smog Check Inspector License, Smog Check Repair Technician License, Lamp Adjuster License and Brake Adjuster 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:

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6/3/2015

SALEH ISAM ABUHULEH

Respondent

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully 1 discussed it with my attorney, Michael B. Levin. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will 2 have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Lamp Station 3 License and Brake Station License, I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary 4 Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order 5 of the Director of Consumer Affairs. 6 7 8 Respondent 9 10 I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Saleh Isam AbuHijleh and Ameen Musa 11 Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service and Saleh Isam Abuhijleh, individually, the 12 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and 13 Disciplinary Order, I approve its form and content. 14 DATED: Michael B. Levin 15 Attorney for Respondents 16 17 **ENDORSEMENT** 18 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 19 submitted for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs 20 Dated: Respectfully submitted. 21 KAMALA D. HARRIS 22 Attorney General of California ARMANDO ZAMBRANO 23 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 24 25 William D. Gardner 26 Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant 27 LA2014511305 51796113.docx 28 9

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6	of the Director of Consumer Affairs.		
7	DATED:		
8	AMEEN MUSA RIZK Respondent		
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15	Attorney for Respondents		
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 79/15-64

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13	SALEH ISAM ABU HIJLEH and AMEEN	, .	
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15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.		
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17	Brake Station License No. BS 219654		
18	Lamp Station License No. LS 219654,		
19	and		
20	SALEH ISAM ABUHIJLEH aka SALEH ISAM ABU HIJLEH		
21	11863 Abington St. Riverside, CA 92503		
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	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 31680 (formerly Advanced Emission		
23	Specialist Technician License Number EA 31680)		
24	Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 31680 (formerly Advanced Emission		
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26	Brake Adjuster License No. BA 31680		
27	Lamp Adjuster License No. LA 31680		
28	Respondent.		

Complainant alleges:

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.

ARD & STATION LICENSES

- 2. On or about February 20, 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau") issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 219654 to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2015.
- 3. On or about February 26, 2002, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 219654 to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service. The Smog Check Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2015.
- 4. On or about May 20, 2011, the Bureau issued Brake Station License Number BS 219654 to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2015.
- 5. On or about May 20, 2011, the Bureau issued Lamp Station License Number LS 219654 to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service. The Lamp Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2015.

Inspector and Adjuster Licenses

6. In 1997, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e), said license was renewed in 2013 as Smog Inspector License No. EO 31680 and Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 31680. Respondent's

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licenses were in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2015, unless renewed.¹

- 7. On or about April 18, 2011, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Brake Adjuster License Number BA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh. The Brake Adjuster License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2015, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about February 18, 2011, the Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Lamp Adjuster License Number LA 31680 to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh ("Respondent Abuhijleh"). The Brake Adjuster License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2018, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 9. This Accusation is brought before the Director of Consumer Affairs ("Director") for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws.
- 10. Section 9884.13 of the Business and Professions Code ("BPC") provides, in pertinent part, that "[t]he expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the director or chief of jurisdiction to proceed with . . . [a] disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision invalidating a registration temporarily or permanently."
- 11. Section 9889.9 of the BPC states that "[w]hen 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.
- 12. Section 44002 of the Health and Safety Code ("HSC") 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.

¹ Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 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 and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

13. Section 44072.8 of the HSC 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,"

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 14. Section 9884.7 of the BPC states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, 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."

(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

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:

- (a) Violates any section of the Business and Professions Code that relates to his or her licensed activities.
 - 15. Section 9889.3 of the BPC 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:

"(a) Violates any section of the Business and Professions Code that relates to his or her licensed activities.

"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."

- 22. CCR, 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."
- 23. CCR, title 16, section 3340.35, subdivision (c), states that a licensed smog check 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."
- 24. CCR, title 16, section 3340.41, subdivision (c), provides: "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."
- 25. CCR, title 16, section 3340.42, sets forth specific emissions test methods and procedures which apply to all vehicles inspected in the State of California.

<u>UNDERCOVER OPERATION – NOVEMBER 26, 2013</u>

26. In November 2013, a Bureau program representative at the Bureau's Forensic Documentation Laboratory in Anaheim inspected and documented the emissions systems on a 1995 Nissan ("undercover vehicle"). After finding that the undercover vehicle's emissions systems were in compliance with California's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, the program representative deliberately retarded the vehicle's ignition timing system outside of manufacturer specification to a setting of two (2) degrees before top dead center. Due to the program representative's manipulation of the undercover vehicle's ignition timing system, the vehicle was no longer in compliance with California's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

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Specifically, the undercover vehicle was unable to pass the functional portion of the smog inspection program as required by state law.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Misleading Statements)

28. Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service, ("Respondent Partners"), have subjected their ARD to discipline under BPC section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondents made statements which they knew or which by exercise of reasonable care should have known were untrue or misleading when Respondent Abuhijleh issued an electronic certificate of compliance for an undercover Bureau vehicle. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

29. Respondent Partners have subjected their ARD to discipline under BPC section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that they committed an act constituting fraud by issuing an electronic certificate of compliance for an undercover Bureau vehicle without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on that vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

30. Respondent Partners have subjected their ARD to discipline under BPC section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that they failed in a "material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it" by issuing an electronic certificate of compliance for an undercover Bureau vehicle without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on that vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- Respondent Partners have subjected their station license to discipline under HSC 31. section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondents violated the following sections of the HSC with respect to the inspection of an undercover Bureau vehicle:
- Section 44012: Respondents failed to ensure that the emission control tests were a. performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- Section 44015, subdivision (b): Respondents issued an electronic certificate of compliance without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with section 44012 of the HSC.
- Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries for the electronic certificate of c. compliance by certifying that the vehicle had been inspected as required when, in fact, it had not.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 28

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(Violations of Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 32. Respondent Partners have subjected their station license to discipline under HSC section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondents violated the following sections of title 16 of the CCR with respect to the inspection of an undercover Bureau vehicle:
- a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondents falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic certificate of compliance without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle as required by HSC section 44012.
- b. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondents issued an electronic certificate of compliance even though the vehicle had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42 of the HSC.
- c. Section 3340.42: Respondents failed to conduct the required smog test and inspection of the vehicle in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

33. Respondent Partners have subjected their station license to discipline under HSC section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondents committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing an electronic certificate of compliance for an undercover Bureau vehicle without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 34. Respondent Abuhijleh has subjected his smog check inspector and smog check repair technician licenses to discipline under HSC section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he violated the following sections of the HSC with respect to his inspection of an undercover Bureau vehicle:
- a. Section 44012: Respondent failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. Section 44032: Respondent failed to perform tests of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle in accordance with section 44012 of the HSC.
- c. Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries for the electronic certificate of compliance by certifying that the vehicle had been inspected as required by state law when, in fact, it had not.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 35. Respondent Abuhijleh has subjected his smog check inspector and smog check repair technician licenses to discipline under HSC section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in he violated the following sections of the CCR, title 16, with respect to his inspection of an undercover Bureau vehicle:
- a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondent falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic certificate of compliance without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle as required by HSC section 44012.
- b. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to inspect and test the vehicle in accordance with HSC section 44012.
- c. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent entered false information into the EIS for the electronic certificate of compliance with respect to the functional portion of the smog inspection.

d. Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog test and inspection on the vehicle in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

36. Respondent Abuhijleh has subjected his smog check inspector and smog check repair technician licenses to discipline under HSC section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing an electronic certificate of compliance for an undercover Bureau vehicle without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 26 and 27, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

PRIOR CITATIONS

- 37. To determine the degree of penalty, if any, to be imposed upon Respondent Partners and Respondent Abuhijleh, Complainant alleges as follows:
- a. On April 21, 1999, the Bureau issued Citation No. M99-0414 against Respondent Abuhijleh's technician license for violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

 Respondent was ordered to complete an 8-hour training course. That Citation is now final.
- b. On August 17, 2010, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2011-0186 against Respondent Partners' registration and station license and Citation No. M2011-0187 against Respondent Abuhijleh's technician license for violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Respondent Partners were fined \$1000.00 and Respondent Abuhijleh was ordered to complete an 8-hour training course. Those Citations are now final.
- c. On April 26, 2012, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2012-1441 against Respondent Partners' registration and station license and Citation No. M2012-1442 against Respondent Abuhijleh's technician license for violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

Respondent Partners were fined \$1500.00 and Respondent Abuhijleh was ordered to complete an 16-hour training course. Those Citations are now final.

On June 24, 2013, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2013-0734 against Respondent Partners' registration and station license and Citation No. M2013-0735 against Respondent Abuhijleh's inspector license for violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, Respondent Partners were fined \$3000.00. Respondent Abuhijleh was fined \$1000.00 and ordered to complete an 68-hour training course. Those Citations are now final.

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:

- Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 219654, issued to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check Station License Number RC 219654, issued to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service;
- Revoking or suspending Brake Station License Number BS 219654, issued to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service;
- Revoking or suspending Lamp Station License Number LS 219654, issued to Saleh Isam Abu Hijleh and Ameen Musa Rizk, partners, dba D and D Auto Repair & Service;
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 31680, issued to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 31680, issued to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh (formerly Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 31680);
- 7. Revoking or suspending Brake Adjuster License Number BA 31680, issued to Saleh Isam Abuhijleh;

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Accusation