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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No.: 79/1711338

OAH No.: 2018100411

HOLLON ENTERPRISES, INC. STEPHEN MARK HOLLON, Pres. dba WEST VALLEY SMOG

4394 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, CA 93063

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.: ARD 270607 Smog Check Station License No.: TC 270607

and

BRANDON MICHAEL FIEGE

225 Simi Village Dr. Unit 940242 Simi Valley, CA 93094

2272 Dogwood Street (Mailing) Simi Valley, CA 93065

Smog Check Inspector License No.: EO 636972

and

JOSSUE R. MARTINEZ

1845 Oneill Place Oxnard, CA 93033

Smog Check Inspector License No.: EO 631548 Smog Check Repair Technician License No.: EI631548

Respondents.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order AS TO RESPONDENT JOSSUE R. MARTINEZ ONLY is hereby accepted and adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective

DATED: May 9, 2019

GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ

Assistant Deputy Director Legal Affairs Division

Department of Consumer Affairs

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12	HOLLON ENTERPRISES, INC. (STEPHEN MARK HOLLON –	OAH No. 2018100411
13	PRESIDENT) DBA WEST VALLEY SMOG	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER AS TO
14	4394 E. Los Angeles Ave. Simi Valley, CA 93063	RESPONDENT JOSSUE R. MARTINEZ
15	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 270607	
16	Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 270607	
17 18	BRANDON MICHAEL FIEGE 225 Simi Village Dr. Unit 940242 Simi Valley, CA 93094	
19	Mailing Address: 2272 Dogwood Street	
20	Simi Valley, CA 93065	
21	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 636972 and	
22	JOSSUE R. MARTINEZ	
23	1845 Oneill Place Oxnard, CA 93033	
24	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 631548 Smog Check Repair Technician License No.	
25	EI 631548	
26	Respondents.	
27	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGE	EED by and between the parties to the above-
28	entitled proceedings that the following matters are	e true:

PARTIES

- 1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Vivian Cho, Deputy Attorney General.
- 2. Respondent Jossue R. Martinez ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney Adam B. Brown, Esq., whose address is 3848 W. Carson Street, Suite 206, Torrance, CA 90503.
- 3. On or about October 27, 2011, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631548 to Respondent. Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631548 was cancelled on November 21, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16 section 3340.28, subdivision (e), Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631548 was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 631548 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 631548, effective November 21, 2013. The Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License were in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2019, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 79/17-11338 was filed before the Director of Consumer Affairs ("Director") and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 9, 2019. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 79/17-11338 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 79/17-11338. Respondent has also carefully read, fully

discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the 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.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 79/17-11338.
- 10. Respondent agrees that his Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License are subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's designee. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent 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 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.

- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 Number EO 631548 and Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 631548 issued, to Respondent Jossue R. Martinez, are revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. **Obey All Laws.** During the period of probation, Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all Bureau registrations and licenses held by Respondent.
- 2. Quarterly Reporting. During the period of probation, Respondent shall report either by personal appearance or in writing as determined by Bureau on a schedule set by the Bureau, but no more frequently than once each calendar quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.
- 3. Report Financial Interests. Respondent shall, within 30 days of the effective date of the decision and within 30 days from the date of any request by the Bureau during the period of probation, report any financial interest which any Respondent or any partners, officers, or owners of any Respondent facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to

Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

- 4. Access to Examine Vehicles and Records. Respondent shall provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts) undergoing service, inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion. Respondent shall also provide Bureau representatives unrestricted access to all records pursuant to Bureau laws and regulations.
- 5. Tolling of Probation. If, during probation, Respondent leaves the jurisdiction of California to reside or do business elsewhere or otherwise ceases to do business in the jurisdiction of California, Respondent shall notify the Bureau in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure and return, and of the dates of cessation and resumption of business in California. All provisions of probation other than cost reimbursement requirements, restitution requirements, training requirements, and that Respondent obey all laws, shall be held in abeyance during any period of time of 30 days or more in which Respondent is not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of resumption of business in California. Any period of time of 30 days or more in which Respondent is not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of California shall not apply to the reduction of this probationary period or to any period of actual suspension not previously completed. Tolling is not available if business or work relevant to the probationary license or registration is conducted or performed during the tolling period.
- 6. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates or fails to comply with the terms and conditions of probation in any respect, the Director, after giving notice and opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision. Once Respondent is served notice of the Bureau's intent to set aside the stay, the Director shall maintain jurisdiction, and the period of probation shall be extended until final resolution of the matter.
- 7. **Maintain Valid License.** Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain a current and active registration and/or license(s) with the Bureau, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled. If either of Respondent's licenses is expired at the time the decision becomes effective, the registration or license must be renewed by Respondent within 30 days of that date. If either of Respondent's licenses expires during a term of probation, by

operation of law or otherwise, then upon renewal, Respondent's license shall be subject to any and all terms and conditions of probation not previously satisfied. Failure to maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the period of probation shall also constitute a violation of probation.

- 8. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay the Bureau \$1,581.84 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of case No. 79/17-11338 pursuant to a payment plan, if any, as determined by the Bureau. Any agreement for a scheduled payment plan shall require full payment to be completed no later than six (6) months before probation terminates. Respondent shall make payment by check or money order payable to the "Bureau of Automotive Repair" and shall indicate on the check or money order that it is for cost recovery payment for case No. 79/17-11338. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full cost recovery payment has been made. The Bureau reserves the right to pursue any other lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based upon the violation of probation.
- 9. Completion of Probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's affected licenses will be fully restored or issued without restriction, if Respondent meets all current requirements for registration or licensure and has paid all outstanding fees, monetary penalties, or cost recovery owed to the Bureau.
- 10. License Surrender. Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay of invalidation or revocation, if Respondent ceases business operations or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request that the stay be vacated. Such request shall be made in writing to the Bureau. The Director and the Bureau Chief reserve the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise discretion whether to grant the request or take any other action deemed appropriate or reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal granting of the request, the Director will vacate the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision. Respondent may not petition the Director for reinstatement of the surrendered registration and/or license, or apply for a new registration or license under the jurisdiction of the Bureau at any time before the date of the originally scheduled completion of

probation. If Respondent applies to the Bureau for a registration or license at any time after that date. Respondent must meet all current requirements for registration or licensure and pay all outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to the Bureau and left outstanding at the time of surrender.

11. Training Course

During the period of probation, Respondent shall afterd and successfully complete a Bureau approved 68 Hour Engine & Emission Diagnostic Training course, applicable to the class of licenses held by Respondent. Respondent shall provide to the Bureau proof of enrollment in the course within 30 days of the effective data of the decision, and proof of successful course completion within 180 days of the effective data of the decision. Patients to provide proof of enrollment and/or successful pourse completion to the Bureau within the inneffarries specified enrollment and/or successful pourse completion to the Bureau within the inneffarries specified shall constitute a violation of probation and Respondent shall be preliabled from issuing any certificate of compliance or noncompliance until such proof is reserved.

12. Notification to Employer

When performing services that fall within the score of his license, Respondent shall provide each of his current or future employers a copy of the disciplinated the inderlying A course on before commencing employment. Notification to Respondential employers and tweether than the effective date of the decision. Respondent shall attitude the Bucausappor respect satisfactors evidence of compliance with this term of propagate.

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DATED: <u>89./(2./₂₀₁₈)</u>

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1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jossue R. Martinez the terms and conditions				
2	and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve				
3	its form and content.				
4	DATED: +/10/19				
6	ADAM B. BROWN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent Jossue R. Martinez				
7	MEUSSA MAY FOR ADAM BROW				
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9	ENDORSEMENT				
10	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted				
11	for consideration by the Director of Consumer Affairs.				
12	DATED AND ASSOCIATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P				
13	DATED: April 16, 2019 Respectfully submitted,				
14	XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California				
15	THOMAS L. RINALDI Supervising Deputy Attorney General				
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 79/17-11338

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13	(STEPHEN MARK HOLLON – PRESIDENT)	ACCUSATION				
14	DBA WEST VALLEY SMOG 4394 E. Los Angeles Ave.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				
15	Simi Valley, CA 93063					
16	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 270607					
17	Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 270607					
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19	Simi Valley, CA 93094					
20	Mailing Address:					
21	2272 Dogwood Street Simi Valley, CA 93065					
22	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 636972					
23	and					
24	JOSSUE R. MARTINEZ 1845 Oneill Place Oxnard, CA 93033	·				
25	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 631548					
26	Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 631548					
27	Respondents.					
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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.

Respondent West Valley Smog

- 2. On or about October 19, 2012, the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau") issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 270607 to Hollon Enterprises, Inc. dba West Valley Smog. Stephen Mark Hollon is the President of Hollon Enterprises, Inc. Stephen Mark Hollon and Hollon Enterprises, Inc. dba West Valley Smog are collectively referred to herein as "West Valley Smog." The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2018, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about October 25, 2012, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 270607 to West Valley Smog. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2018, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about September 13, 2013, the Bureau certified Respondent West Valley Smog as a STAR station. That certification was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will remain active unless the Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and/or Smog Check Station License issued to Respondent West Valley Smog is revoked, canceled, or the licenses become delinquent or certification is invalidated.

Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege

5. On or about June 9, 2014, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 636972 to Brandon Michael Fiege (Respondent Fiege). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, expired on February 28, 2018, and has not been renewed.

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Respondent Jossue R. Martinez

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6. On or about October 27, 2011, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 631548 to Jossue R. Martinez (Respondent Martinez). Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631548 was cancelled on November 21, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16 section 3340.28, subdivision (e), Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 631548 was renewed, pursuant to Respondent Torres' election, as Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 631548 and Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 631548, effective November 21, 2013. The Smog Check Inspector License and Smog Check Repair Technician License were in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2019, unless renewed.

<u>JURISDICTION</u>

- 7. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws.
- 8. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7 provides that the Director may revoke an Automotive Repair Dealer Registration.
- Business and Professions Code section 9884.13 of the Code provides, in pertinent part. that the 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.
- 10. Section 44002 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.
- 11. Section 44072.6 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceedings against the licensee, or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

1	12. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:
2	When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under
3	this article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
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5	STATUTORY PROVISIONS
6	13. Section 477 of the Business and Professions Code provides, in pertinent part, that
7	"Board" includes "bureau," "commission," "committee," "department," "division," "examining
8	committee," "program," and "agency." "License" includes certificate, registration or other means
9	to engage in a business or profession regulated by the Business and Professions Code.
10	14. Business and Professions Code section 9884.7 states, in pertinent part:
11	(a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there
12	was a bona fide error, may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, the registration of an automotive repair dealer
13	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
14	automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.
15	(1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means
16	whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of
17	reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
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19	(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.
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21	(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the
22	provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
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24	(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or
25	place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the
26	automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
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being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

VID DATA REVIEW

- 25. Beginning March 9, 2015, California's Smog Check Program was updated to require the use of an On-Board Diagnostic Inspection System ("BAR-OIS") during smog checks. OIS is the Smog Check equipment required in all areas of the State when inspecting most model-year 2000 and newer gasoline and hybrid vehicles and most 1998 and newer diesel vehicles. The system consists of a certified Data Acquisition Device (DAD), computer, bar code scanner, and printer. The DAD is an On Board Diagnostic scan tool that, when requested by the California BAR-OIS software, retrieves data from the vehicle. Data retrieved and recorded during an OIS smog check includes:
- eVIN, which is the digitally stored VIN programmed into the vehicle's Powertrain Control Module ("PCM").
- Communication Protocol, which is the manufacturer/vehicle specific language the PCM uses to relay information; and
- Number of Parameter Identifications ("PIDs"), which is the number of specific data points reported by the vehicle's on-board computer. PIDs are programmed during manufacture and are related to emissions controls. Examples of PIDs are engine speed, vehicle speed, engine temperature, and other input and output values utilized by the vehicle's on-board computer.
- 26. On or around July 17, 2017, Bureau representative Marc Ortega initiated an investigation in which he reviewed OIS test data for West Valley Smog. The OIS Bureau Test Data lists differences in Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) for vehicles that have received smog inspections, in addition to communication protocol (the language used to communicate) and Parameter ID (PID) differences with vehicles that have been certified correctly that are the same make and model vehicles. Representative Ortega's investigation revealed that the data related to certain vehicles certified by West Valley Smog contained discrepancies between the information transmitted during the inspections and documented information known about the subject vehicles. Specifically, representative Ortega compared the data received from the certified vehicles to data

from vehicles of the same year, make, and model and determined that the data from all three certified vehicles contained the following discrepancies: (1) they were certified with either a different or missing eVIN; (2) they transmitted incorrect PID counts; and (3) they transmitted incorrect communication protocols. These documented discrepancies confirm that the vehicles receiving smog certificates from West Valley Smog were fraudulently tested during the smog inspection using the "clean plugging" method. Table 1 illustrates the documented clean plugging activities of Respondents between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017.

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	Test Date	Vehicle & License No.	Inspector	Certificate No.	Fraudulent Passing Inspection Data	Expected OBDII Value
1		Respondent Fiege		eVIN: 1J4NT1FA3BD236733	eVIN: 1J4PP2GK1AW102008	
			EO 636972		Comm. Protocol: ICAN11bt5	Comm. Protocol: ICAN11bt5
					PID Count: 36 15	PID Count: 43
2	7/1/17	/1/17 2002 Ford Respondent F350 Martinez Super Duty 8T99187	ZX986802C	eVIN: 1GCHG39U551114082	eVIN: not expected	
			EO 631548		Comm. Protocol; JVPW	Comm. Protocol: JPWM
					PID Count: 22	PID Count: 19 or 20 or 21
3	7/6/17	Honda 1	Respondent Martinez EO 631548	ZZ052720C	eVIN: 3FA6P0H71ER185406	eVIN: 1HGCM72787A011256
					Comm. Protocol: ICAN11bt5	Comm. Protocol; I914
					PID Count: 38	PID Count: 21

Clean Plugged Vehicle No. 1 - October 20, 2016 - 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport

27. On October 20, 2016, Respondent Fiege and Respondent West Valley Smog performed a smog check inspection of and certified a 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport (VIN No.

¹ "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.

1J4PP2GK1AW102008, CA License No. 7CSR824). Smog Certificate of Compliance No. QG270325C was issued under Respondent Fiege's Smog Check Technician License No. EO636972. The OIS Test Data for the 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport shows that an incorrect eVIN of 1J4NT1FA3BD236733 was transmitted and the PID count was transmitted as 36|15. Similar Vehicle OIS Test Data for 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport vehicles show, however, that they transmit the correct eVIN, they have the expected communication protocol of ICAN11bt5, and they transmit a PID count of 43.

- 28. The OIS Test Data shows that a 2011 Jeep Compass Sport (VIN 1J4NT1FA3BD236733) was the vehicle used to generate the fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance for the 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport. The 2011 Jeep Compass Sport was certified at another licensed Smog Check facility on January 06, 2015. The OIS Test Data transmitted for the 2011 Jeep Compass Sport matches the OIS Test Data for the fraudulent inspection of the 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport for the eVIN, communication protocol, and PID count.
- 29. On November 26, 2016, another licensed Smog Check facility performed a Smog Check inspection of the same 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport (VIN No. 1J4PP2GK1AW102008, CA License No. 7CSR824). According to the November 26, 2016 OIS Test Details, the 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport, as expected, transmitted the correct eVIN, had the expected communication protocol of ICAN11bt5, and transmitted a PID count of 43.
- 30. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS Data Acquisition Device (DAD) was not connected to the 2010 Jeep Liberty Sport being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

Clean Plugged Vehicle No. 2 - July 1, 2017 - 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty

31. On July 01, 2017, Respondent Martinez and Respondent West Valley Smog performed a smog check inspection of and certified a 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty (VIN No. 1FTWW32S32ED14188, CA License No. 8T99187). Smog Certificate of Compliance No. ZX986802C was issued under Respondent Martinez's Smog Check Technician License No. EO631548. The OIS Test Data for the 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty shows that an incorrect eVIN of 1GCHG39U551114082 was transmitted, the communication protocol was transmitted as

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JVPW, and the PID count was transmitted as 22. Similar Vehicle OIS Test Data for 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty vehicles show, however, that they do not transmit the eVIN, they transmit the expected communication protocol of JPWM, and they transmit a PID count of 19, 20, or 21.

- 32. The OIS Test Data shows that a 2005 Chevrolet Express G3500 (VIN 1GCHG39U551114082) was the vehicle used to generate the fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance for the 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty. The 2005 Chevrolet Express G3500 was certified at another licensed Smog Check facility on June 08, 2016. The OIS Test Data transmitted for the 2005 Chevrolet Express G3500 matches the OIS Test Data for the fraudulent inspection of the 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty for the eVIN, communication protocol, and PID count.
- 33. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS Data Acquisition Device (DAD) was not connected to the 2002 Ford F350 Super Duty being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

Clean Plugged Vehicle No. 3 - July 6, 2017 - 2007 Honda Accord EX

- 34. On July 06, 2017, Respondent Martinez and Respondent West Valley Smog performed a smog check inspection of and certified a 2007 Honda Accord EX (VIN No. 1HGCM72787A011256, CA License No. AFINECR). Smog Certificate of Compliance No. ZZ052720C was issued under Respondent Martinez's Smog Check Technician License No. EO631548. The OIS Test Data for the 2007 Honda Accord EX shows that an incorrect eVIN of 3FA6P0H71ER185406 was transmitted, the communication protocol was transmitted as 1CAN11bt5, and the PID count was transmitted as 38. Similar Vehicle OIS Test Data for 2007 Honda Accord EX vehicles show, however, that they transmit the correct eVIN, they have the expected communication protocol of I914, and they transmit a PID count of 21.
- 35. DMV registration information shows that VIN No. 3FA6P0H71ER185406 corresponds to a 2014 Ford Sedan and not a 2007 Honda Accord EX.
- 36. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS Data Acquisition Device (DAD) was not connected to the 2007 Honda Accord EX being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

37. The data analysis conducted on West Valley Smog between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017 shows that Respondents participated in a scheme to perform at least three fraudulent Smog Check inspections resulting in the issuance of three electronic Smog Check Certificates of Compliance.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements -

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration - Respondent West Valley Smog)

38. Respondent West Valley Smog's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017, Respondent West Valley Smog made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: Respondent West Valley Smog certified that the vehicles set forth above in Table 1 had passed smog check inspections and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Respondent West Valley Smog used the clean plugging method in order to issue smog certificates of compliance and did not test or inspect the vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 25 through 37, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud - Automotive Repair Dealer Registration - Respondent West Valley Smog)

39. Respondent West Valley Smog's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017, Respondent West Valley Smog committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles set forth above in Table 1 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. Complainant refers to, and by this reference

incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 25 through 37, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act -

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration - Respondent West Valley Smog)

40. Respondent West Valley Smog's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017, Respondent West Valley Smog failed in a material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it when he issued electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles identified in Table 1 above without performing bona fide inspections of their emission control devices and systems, 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 contained in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program -

Smog Check Test Station License - Respondent West Valley Smog)

- 41. Respondent West Valley Smog's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017, regarding the vehicles set forth above in Table 1, Respondent West Valley Smog failed to comply with the following sections of the Health and Safety Code:
- a. Section 44012: Respondent West Valley Smog failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on the vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department; and
- b. Section 44015: Respondent West Valley Smog issued electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles, without ensuring that the vehicles were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceif-

Smog Check Test Station License - Respondent West Valley Smog)

43. Respondent West Valley Smog's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that between October 20, 2016 and July 6, 2017, regarding the vehicles set forth above in Table 1, Respondent West Valley Smog committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of their emission control devices and systems, 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 25 through 37, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program -

Smog Check Inspector License - Respondent Fiege)

44. Respondent Fiege's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that on October 20, 2016, regarding vehicle no. 1 set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Fiege failed to comply with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Fiege failed to perform the emission control tests on vehicle no. 1 in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 25 through 37, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program — Smog Check Inspector License — Respondent Fiege)

45. Respondent Fiege's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that on October 20, 2016, regarding

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vehicle no. 1 set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Fiege failed to comply with provisions of

- Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondent Fiege falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for vehicle no. 1, identified in Table 1 above;
- Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent Fiege failed to inspect and test vehicle no. 1, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42;
- Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent Fiege knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for vehicle no. 1, identified in Table 1 above;
- Section 3340.42: Respondent Fiege failed to conduct the required smog tests on vehicle no. 1, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, as though set forth fully herein.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit - Smog Check Inspector License - Respondent Fiege)

Respondent Fiege's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that on October 20, 2016, Respondent Fiege committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by the issuance of an electronic smog certificate of compliance for vehicle no. 1, identified in Table 1 above, without performing bona fide inspections of their emission control devices and systems, 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 contained in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program -

Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses - Respondent Martinez)

47. Respondent Martinez's Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses are subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that between July 1, 2016 and July 6, 2017, regarding vehicle nos. 2 and 3 set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Martinez failed to comply with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Martinez failed to perform the emission control tests on vehicle nos. 2 and 3 in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 25 through 37, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses – Respondent Martinez)

- 48. Respondent Martinez's Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses are subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that between July 1, 2016 and July 6, 2017, regarding vehicle nos. 2 and 3 set forth above in Table 1, Respondent Martinez failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondent Martinez falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicle nos. 2 and 3, identified in Table 1 above;
- b. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent Martinez failed to inspect and test vehicle nos. 2 and 3, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42;
- c. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent Martinez knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for vehicle nos. 2 and 3, identified in Table 1 above; and

d. Section 3340.42: Respondent Martinez failed to conduct the required smog tests on vehicle nos. 2 and 3, identified in Table 1 above, in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, as though set forth fully herein.

TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit -

Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses - Respondent Martinez)

49. Respondent Martinez's Smog Check Inspector and Repair Technician Licenses are subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that between July 1, 2016 and July 6, 2017, Respondent Martinez committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by the issuance of electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicle nos. 2 and 3, identified in Table 1 above, without performing bona fide inspections of their emission control devices and systems, 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 contained in paragraphs 25 through 37, above, as though set forth fully herein.

OTHER MATTERS

- 50. Pursuant to Business and Professions 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 West Valley Smog, upon a finding that it has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 51. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 270607, issued to Respondent West Valley Smog, is revoked or suspended following a hearing, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

- 52. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 636972, issued to Respondent Fiege, is revoked or suspended following a hearing, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 53. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 631548 and/or Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 631548, issued to Respondent Martinez, is revoked or suspended following a hearing, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

Respondent West Valley Smog

- 54. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent West Valley Smog, Complainant alleges the following prior disciplinary considerations:
- a. On or about May 29, 2015, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2015-628 to Respondent West Valley Smog for actions in violation of section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, in that Respondent West Valley Smog unlawfully Smog Check inspected and certified a vehicle using the BAR-97 when the OIS test was required. A Citation Service Conference was held on June 16, 2015. A request for formal appeal was received on September 25, 2015. Citation Number C2015-628 was affirmed on or about April 19, 2018.
- b. On or about August 5, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2016-1544 to Respondent West Valley Smog for actions in violation of section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, in that Respondent West Valley Smog unlawfully Smog Check inspected and certified a Bureau vehicle documented to fail a properly performed Smog Check inspection. A Citation Service Conference was held on September 06, 2016. The Decision became effective on November 26, 2016. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- c. On or about May 2, 2017, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2017-957 to Respondent West Valley Smog for actions in violation of section 44012 of the

Health and Safety Code, in that Respondent West Valley Smog unlawfully Smog Check inspected and certified a Bureau vehicle documented to fail a properly performed Smog Check inspection. A Citation Service Conference was held on June 01, 2017. The Decision became effective on July 02, 2017. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege

- 55. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege, Complainant alleges the following prior disciplinary considerations:
- a. On or about August 5, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2016-1545 to Respondent Fiege for his actions in violation of section 44032 of the Health and Safety Code, in that Respondent Fiege unlawfully Smog Check inspected and certified a Bureau vehicle documented to fail a properly performed Smog Check inspection. A Citation Service Conference was held on September 06, 2016. Respondent Fiege completed the required training on September 29, 2016. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- b. On or about May 2, 2017, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2017-958 to Respondent Fiege for his actions in violation of section 44032 of the Health and Safety Code, in that Respondent Fiege unlawfully Smog Check inspected and certified a Bureau vehicle documented to fail a properly performed Smog Check inspection. A Citation Service Conference was held on June 01, 2017. The Decision became effective on July 02, 2017. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

PRAYER

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 270607, issued to Respondent Hollon Enterprises, Inc. (of which Stephen Mark Hollon is the president) dba West Valley Smog;
- 2. Revoking or suspending any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to Respondent Hollon Enterprises, Inc. (of which Stephen Mark Hollon is the president);

- 3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 270607, issued to Respondent Hollon Enterprises, Inc. (of which Stephen Mark Hollon is the president) dba West Valley Smog;
- 4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Respondent Hollon Enterprises, Inc. (of which Stephen Mark Hollon is the president);
- 5. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 636972, issued to Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege:
- Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of 6. Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege;
- 7. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 631548, issued to Respondent Jossue R. Martinez;
- 8. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 631548, issued to Respondent Jossue R. Martinez;
- 9. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Respondent Jossue R. Martinez;
- Ordering Respondent Hollon Enterprises, Inc., of which Stephen Mark Hollon is the president, Respondent Brandon Michael Fiege, and Respondent Jossue R. Martinez to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and.
 - 11. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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