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**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

**LEONEL PENALOZA,
AKA LEONEL PENALOZA DUARTE,
DBA GT SMOG CHECK**
22087 Barton Rd.
Grand Terrace, CA 92313
**Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.
ARD 301850
Smog Check Test Only Station License No.
TC 301850,**

**LEONEL PENALOZA DUARTE,
AKA LEONEL PENALOZA**
5578 34th St. #34
Riverside, CA 92509
**Smog Check Inspector License No.
EO 644078,**

**KARINA ANTUNEZ,
AKA KARINA DELGADILLO**
11561 Virginia Ave. Apt. 6
Lynwood, CA 90262
**Smog Check Inspector License No.
EO 643460,**

**KARINA ANTUNEZ,
AKA KARINA DELGADILLO,
DBA BLONTE SMOGS**
3366 East Imperial Highway
Lynwood, CA 90262
**Smog Check Test Only Station License No.
TC 308822,**

**Case No. 79/23-6758
OAH No. 2025010988**

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER AS
TO KARINA ANTUNEZ, AKA KARINA
DELGADILLO ONLY**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

Respondents.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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2 1. On or about November 21, 2024, Complainant Patrick Dorais, in his official capacity
3 as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed
4 Accusation No. 79/23-6758 against Leonel Penalzoza, doing business as GT Smog Check and
5 Karina Antunez, also known as Karina Delgadillo, before the Director of the Department of
6 Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached as exhibit A.) Leonel Penalzoza is not subject to this
7 Default Decision and Order. Karina Antunez, who is subject to this Default Decision and Order,
8 will hereinafter be referred to as respondent.

9 2. On or about December 31, 2021, the bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License
10 number EO 643460 to respondent. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and
11 effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2026,
12 unless renewed.

13 3. On or about June 14, 2024, the bureau issued Smog Check Test Only Station License
14 number TC 308822 to respondent. The Smog Check Test Only Station License was in full force
15 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein but it expired on April 30, 2025 and
16 has not been renewed. Notwithstanding the license’s expiration, the bureau maintains jurisdiction
17 over the license pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 118, subdivision (b), and
18 Health and Safety Code section 44072.6.

19 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136, respondent was required to
20 report and maintain her address of record with the bureau. At the time of each service of the
21 Accusation, respondent’s addresses of record were and are:

22 11561 Virginia Ave., Apt. 6	3366 East Imperial Highway
23 Lynwood, CA 90262	Lynwood, CA 90262

24 5. On or about December 3, 2024, respondent was served by Certified and First Class
25 Mail copies of Accusation No. 79/23-6758, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request
26 for Discovery, and discovery statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7)
27 at respondent’s address of record at 11561 Virginia Ave., Apt. 6, Lynwood, CA 90262.

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1 6. On or about September 25, 2025, respondent was served by Certified and First Class
2 Mail copies of Accusation No. 79/23-6758, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request
3 for Discovery, and discovery statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7)
4 at respondent's address of record at 3366 East Imperial Highway, Lynwood, CA 90262.

5 7. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of
6 Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business and Professions Code section
7 124.

8 8. Government Code section 11506, subdivision (c), states, in pertinent part:

9 (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent
10 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
11 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense
12 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
13 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

14 9. The bureau takes official notice of its records and the fact that respondent failed to
15 file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon him of the Accusation, and therefore
16 waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 79/23-6758.

17 10. California Government Code section 11520, subdivision (a) states, in pertinent part:

18 (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at
19 the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express
20 admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without
21 any notice to respondent

22 11. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the director after
23 having reviewed the proofs of service dated December 3, 2024, signed by J. Martinez, and
24 September 25, 2025, signed by Alfred Palma, finds respondent is in default. The director will take
25 action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default
26 Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter, finds that the charges and allegations in
27 Accusation No. 79/23-6758, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear
28 and convincing evidence.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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2 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, respondent Karina Antunez, also known as
3 Karina Delgadillo has subjected Smog Check Inspector License number EO 643460 and Smog
4 Check Test Only Station License number TC 308822 to discipline.

5 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

6 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke
7 respondent's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration based upon the following violations alleged
8 in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision
9 Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

10 Smog Check Test Only Station License

- 11 a. Failure to comply with regulations pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program
12 (Health & Saf. Code, § 44072.2, subd. (c));
- 13 b. Dishonesty, fraud, or deceit (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 44072.2, subd. (d) & 44072.10,
14 subd. (c));
- 15 c. Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (Health & Saf. Code, § 44072.2,
16 subd. (a));

17 Smog Check Inspector License

- 18 a. Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (Health & Saf. Code, § 44072.2,
19 subd. (a));
- 20 b. Failure to comply with regulations pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program
21 (Health & Saf. Code, § 44072.2, subd. (c));
- 22 c. Dishonesty, fraud, or deceit (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 44072.2, subd. (d) & 44072.10,
23 subd. (c)).

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Smog Check Inspector License number EO 643460 and Smog Check Test Only Station License number TC 308822, issued to respondent Karina Antunez, also known as Karina Delgadillo, are revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of respondent Karina Antunez, also known as Karina Delgadillo, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on respondent. The motion should be sent to the bureau of Automotive Repair, ATTN: Patrick Lutfi, 10949 North Mather Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on February 25, 2026.

It is so ORDERED February 12, 20206.

Signature on file

GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Deputy Director
Division of Legal Affairs
Department of Consumer Affairs