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9	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
10	FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/25-6816
	ANJ SMOG CHECK, MIGUEL ANGEL	
13	COLLAZO, OWNER 8561 Long Beach Blvd., Unit B	ACCUSATION
14	South Gate, CA 90280	
15 16	Mailing Address: 1403 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Suite #1 Pasadena, CA 91103	
17	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No.	
18	ARD 305009 Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License No. TC 305009	
19	and	
20	MIGUEL ANGEL COLLAZO	
21	1403 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Suite #1 Pasadena, CA 91103	
22	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO	
23	643973	
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25	Respondents.	
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	(MIGUEL ANGEL COLLAZO, DBA ANJ SMOG CHE	CK and MIGUEL ANGEL COLLAZO) ACCUSATION

**PARTIES** 

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On or about February 10, 2023, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 305009 to Miguel Angel Collazo, dba ANJ Smog Check (Respondent ANJ Smog Check). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2026, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about April 26, 2023, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 305009 to Respondent ANJ Smog Check. 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 February 28, 2026, unless renewed.
- On or about January 3, 2024, the Bureau issued STAR Station Certification to
   Respondent ANJ Smog Check. The STAR Station Certification was suspended on January 29,
   2025.
- 5. On or about October 17, 2022, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 643973 to Miguel Angel Collazo (Respondent Collazo). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2026, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 6. 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.
- 7. Section 9884.7 of the Code provides that the Director may revoke an automotive repair dealer registration.
- 8. Section 9884.13 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision temporarily or permanently invalidating (suspending or revoking) a registration.

# 14. Health and Safety Code section 44012 provides:

The test at the smog check stations shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department and may require loaded mode dynamometer testing in enhanced areas, two-speed idle testing, testing utilizing a vehicle's onboard diagnostic system, or other appropriate test procedures as determined by the department in consultation with the state board. The department shall implement testing using onboard diagnostic systems, in lieu of loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing, on model year 2000 and newer vehicles only, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2013, and on model-year 1996-99, inclusive, vehicles only, beginning no earlier than January 1, 2025. However, the department, in consultation with the state board, may prescribe alternative test procedures that include loaded mode dynamometer or two-speed idle testing for vehicles with onboard diagnostic systems that the department and the state board determine exhibit operational problems. The department shall ensure, as appropriate to the test method, the following:

- (a) Emission control systems required by state and federal law are reducing excess emissions in accordance with the standards adopted pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 44013.
- (b) Motor vehicles are preconditioned to ensure representative and stabilized operation of the vehicle's emission control system.
- (c) For other than diesel-powered vehicles, the vehicle's exhaust emissions of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen in an idle mode or loaded mode are tested in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department. In determining how loaded mode and evaporative emissions testing shall be conducted, the department shall ensure that the emission reduction targets for the enhanced program are met.
- (d) For other than diesel-powered vehicles, the vehicle's fuel evaporative system and crankcase ventilation system are tested to reduce any nonexhaust sources of volatile organic compound emissions, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- (e) For diesel-powered vehicles, a visual inspection is made of emission control devices and the vehicle's exhaust emissions are tested in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department, that may include, but are not limited to, onboard diagnostic testing. The test may include testing of emissions of any or all of the pollutants specified in subdivision (c) and, upon the adoption of applicable standards, measurement of emissions of smoke or particulates, or both.
- (f) A visual or functional check is made of emission control devices specified by the department, including the catalytic converter in those instances in which the department determines it to be necessary to meet the findings of Section 44001. The visual or functional check shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- (g) A determination as to whether the motor vehicle complies with the emission standards for that vehicle's class and model-year as prescribed by the department.
- (h) An analysis of pass and fail rates of vehicles subject to an onboard diagnostic test and a tailpipe test to assess whether any vehicles passing their onboard diagnostic test have, or would have, failed a tailpipe test, and whether any vehicles

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2	23. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.35 provides, subdivision (c),	
3	provides, in pertinent part:	
4	(c) A licensed station shall issue a certificate of compliance or noncompliance	
5	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.		
7	24. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.41 provides, in pertinent part:	
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9	(c) No person shall enter any vehicle identification information or emission	
10	control system identification data for any vehicle other than the one being tested into the EIS or OIS. Nor shall any person enter into the EIS or OIS any false information	
about the vehicle being tested.	about the vehicle being tested.	
12	(h) No licensed station shall have in the approved testing area at any time any	
electronic device or software capable of simulating the OBD data stream from a vehicle or manipulating OBD VIN, calibration identification, calibration verification		
14	number, MIL-status, readiness, or diagnostic trouble codes collected from a vehicle during a Smog Check Inspection.	
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17	25. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42, sets forth specific emission	
18	test methods and procedures which apply to all vehicles inspected in the State of California.	
19	26. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3358, provides, in pertinent part:	
Pursuant to Section 9884.11 of the Business and Professions Code, each automotive repair dealer shall maintain, in either written or electronic form,		
21	copies of the following records for at least three years:	
22	(a) All invoices relating to automotive repair including invoices received from other sources for parts and/or labor.	
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24	(d) All such records shall be open for reasonable inspection and/or reproduction	
25	by the Bureau or other law enforcement officials during normal business hours.	
26	27. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3373, provides:	
27	No automotive repair dealer or individual in charge shall, in filling out an estimate, invoice, or work order, or record required to be maintained by section	
28	3340.15(e) of this chapter, withhold therefrom or insert therein any statement or	

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information which will cause any such document to be false or misleading, or where the tendency or effect thereby would be to mislead or deceive customers, prospective customers, or the public.

#### COST RECOVERY

28. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 29. Beginning March 9, 2015, California's Smog Check Program was updated to require the use of an On-Board Diagnostic Inspection System (OIS). 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 (OBD) scan tool that, when requested by the California OIS software, retrieves OBD data from the vehicle. All OBD data that the vehicle indicates it supports is requested by the California OIS software and will be retrieved. The DAD connects between the OIS computer and the vehicle's Data Link Connector (DLC). The California OIS software requires a continuous Internet connection when performing a Smog Check inspection and the OIS software communicates with Bureau's central database through the Internet connection. The bar code scanner is used to input technician information, the vehicles identification number (VIN), and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) renewal information. The printer provides a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) containing inspection results for motorists and a Smog Check Certificate of Compliance number for passing vehicles.
- 30. Data retrieved and recorded during an OIS smog check includes the eVIN, which is the digitally stored VIN programmed into the vehicle's Powertrain Control Module (PCM); the communication protocol, which is the manufacturer/vehicle specific language the PCM uses to

relay information; and the number of Parameter Identifications (PIDs), which is the number of specific data values each PCM uses related to emissions controls.

- 31. During an OIS inspection, engine operating parameters are retrieved from the vehicle's OBD II system and recorded to the VID. This is accomplished during the functional portion of the OIS Smog Check inspection by plugging the DAD into the vehicle's DLC when prompted by the OIS analyzer screen prompt. Some of the parameters recorded are: (1) engine speed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (2) throttle position as measured by a throttle position sensor (TPS) mounted onto the throttle shaft, measured in a percentage of opening from 0% at idle and near or up to 100% at full throttle; (3) manifold absolute pressure as measured by a manifold absolute pressure sensor (MAP) connected to an intake manifold source, measured in kilo pascals (kpa). Typical readings for a normally aspirated vehicle are 0 kpa being absolute vacuum, 25kpa to 45kpa at idle, 101 kpa at full throttle, same as atmospheric pressure at sea level; and (4) mass air flow as measured by a mass air flow sensor (MAF) mounted in the engine's air intake tract, measured in grams per second (gps).
- 32. During normal engine operation at idle, engine speed is relatively steady around its target idle speed. With the engine idling, the TPS is steady and at or near 0%. The MAP and/or MAF readings are also steady. In order for the engine speed to increase, the throttle would have to be opened in order to increase airflow through the engine. The engine's management systems supply fuel and spark timing appropriate to any changes in throttle position and engine speed. An increase in throttle, measured by the TPS, which increases engine RPM, would result in corresponding increases in MAF, as well as a change in MAP. Stated another way, any movement in the throttle from the idle position will result in an increase of airflow through the engine with corresponding increases RPM and MAF along with changes in MAP.
- 33. During an OIS Smog Check inspection, along with other visual and functional inspections, there is an OBD II query portion of the inspection. The OBD II query is performed with the engine idling and, when requested by the OIS analyzer, and an elevated or increased engine speed. The increase in engine speed is performed by the inspector by stepping on the

throttle pedal or manually opening the throttle, resulting in a corresponding increase in engine RPMs by allowing an increase in airflow into the engine.

- 34. If the vehicle passes the visual, functional and tailpipe tests, it passes the overall inspection, and a Certificate of Compliance is issued and transmitted electronically to the VID. Each Certificate of Compliance has a unique control number so that it can be tracked to determine which Smog Check Station purchased the Certificate of Compliance and to which vehicle it was issued.
- 35. The VID contains registration data from DMV, plus emission standards, vehicle smog check inspections, smog check stations and technicians, and Certificates of Compliance. The VID receives the passing smog check results immediately following the inspection. During the vehicle registration process, the DMV accesses the VID to verify that the vehicle has been tested and certified. The Bureau can also access the VID to view test data on smog check inspections performed at any Smog Check Station, or search for, retrieve, and print a test record for a particular vehicle which has been tested. The EIS or OIS, depending on the test type, also prints a VIR, which is a physical record of the test results and shows the Certificate of Compliance number that was issued if the vehicle passed the smog inspection.
- 36. The smog check technician must sign the VIR under penalty of perjury to indicate that the inspection was done within Bureau guidelines. Smog Check Stations are required by law to maintain a copy of the VIR along with a copy of the repair invoice for three years. The consumer's VIR serves as a receipt and proof that the VID was updated, and a Certificate of Compliance was issued. Licensed Smog Check Technicians are the only persons authorized by the Bureau to perform official inspections. They are issued a personal access code and a license, which are used to gain access to the EIS and OIS to perform smog check inspections. Unauthorized use of another technician's access code or license is prohibited.
- 37. The Bureau has become aware of methods some Smog Check stations and Smog Check inspectors use to fraudulently issue smog certificates to vehicles that will not pass a Smog Check test on their own, or in some instances, are not even present during the time the test is performed. One method is known as "clean plugging." "Clean plugging" is a method by which

another vehicle's properly functioning OBD II system, or another source such as defeat devices, are used to generate passing data readings or diagnostic information for the purpose of fraudulently issuing smog certificates to vehicles that are not in smog compliance and or not present for testing. Defeat devices attempt to simulate engine operation during a Smog Check inspection by transmitting OBD II data to the VID which has been modified or replaced entirely for the purportedly inspected vehicle during the functional portion of the OIS inspection. The use of a defeat device during a Smog Check inspection is clean plugging and is strictly prohibited.

38. A Bureau representative investigated and reviewed OIS test data for the smog check inspection performed at ANJ Smog Check from August 2024 through January 2025. The investigation revealed that data related to certain vehicles certified by Respondents contained a pattern of vehicles being certified with improbable engine operating parameters not corresponding to normal engine operation, confirming the vehicles receiving smog certificates were not tested during the OBD II functional test. This constitutes clean plugging, as follows:

- 39. On or about August 24, 2024, a 2007 Chevrolet Express G1500, VIN 1GCFG15X271239328, CA license 8M40995, was tested and smog certificate UC007950C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 40. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2007 Chevrolet Express G1500 shows that between time stamp 351 and 20683, the engine RPM is steady at around 800 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 0% opening, the MAP is fixed at 36 kPa, and the MAF is fixed at 4.72 grams/sec. After time stamp 21080, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady at around 1700 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating between 2.4% and 5.5% opening, the MAP is varying between 39 kPa and 40 kPa, and the MAF drops from 4.66 grams/sec to 3.07 grams/sec before rising to 3.29 grams/sec.
- 41. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at

the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and rising unexpectedly or fluctuating. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAP is expected to slightly decrease, not increase, while the MAF is expected to increase, not decrease. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the DAD was not connected as required to the 2007 Chevrolet Express G1500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

## Clean Plug # 2

- 42. On or about August 29, 2024, a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS, VIN 1GNDS13S962298826, CA license 5VSH425, was tested and smog certificate JB174562C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 43. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS shows that between time stamp 357 and 19191, the engine RPM is steady at around 850 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 15.3% opening and the MAP is fixed at 32 kPa. After time stamp 19583, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady at around 1550 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle drops from 16.5% opening to 12.9% opening before gradually rising to 14.5% opening, and the MAP is fluctuating erratically between 34 kPa and 44 kPa.
- 44. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions and MAP readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position and MAP readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and rising unexpectedly and/or fluctuating erratically. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAP is expected to slightly decrease, not increase, while the throttle is expected to increase, not decrease. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer LS being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

#### Clean Plug # 3

45. On or about on December 7, 2024, a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 ST, VIN 1D7HA18Z43S108998, CA license 7Z47537, was tested and smog certificate UG662029C was

issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.

- 46. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 ST shows that between time stamp 347 and 18031, the engine RPM is steady at around 750 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 12.2% and the MAP is fixed at 34 kPa. After time stamp 18412, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady at around 1550 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating between 7.1% and 11.8% opening and the MAP is fluctuating erratically between 41 kPa and 46 kPa.
- 47. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions and MAP readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position and MAP readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not fluctuating. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAP is expected to slightly decrease, not increase, while the throttle position is expected to increase, not decrease to values less than idle. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 ST being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

#### Clean Plug # 4

- 48. On or about December 7, 2024, a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban C1500, VIN 3GNEC16T73G305071, CA license 5DTC182, was tested and smog certificate UG662030C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 49. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2003 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 shows that between time stamp 342 and 29086, the engine RPM is steady at around 750 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 3.5% opening, the MAP is fixed at 35 kPa, and the MAF is fixed at 4.32 grams/sec. After time stamp 29476, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady at around 1800 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle drops from 5.1% opening to 1.6% opening before rising slightly to 2.7% opening, the MAP rises from 39 kPa

to 46 kPa before dropping to 34 kPa, and the MAF is fluctuating erratically between 2.83 grams/sec and 4.66 grams/sec.

50. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position, MAP, and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and rising unexpectedly and/or fluctuating erratically. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAP is expected to slightly decrease, not increase, while the throttle position is expected to increase, not decrease. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2003 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

- 51. On or about December 12, 2024, a 2005 GMC New Sierra K1500, VIN 1GTEK19B15E238041, CA license 63166G1, was tested and smog certificate UG662049C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 52. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2005 GMC New Sierra K1500 shows that between time stamp 332 and 18417, the engine RPM is steady at around 775 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 11.8% opening, the MAP is fixed at 66 kPa, and the MAF is fixed at 3.58 grams/sec. After time stamp 18805, the engine RPM is increased and then held around 1500 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle position drops from 11% opening to 6.7% opening before rising to 9% opening, the MAP rises from 64 kPa ultimately reaching 75 kPa where it remains fixed, and the MAF is fluctuating between 4.04 grams/sec and 4.95 grams/sec.
- 53. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position, MAP, and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and rising unexpectedly and/or fluctuating. Additionally,

with the elevated engine RPM, the MAP is expected to slightly decrease, not increase, while the throttle position is expected to increase, not decrease to values less than idle. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2005 GMC New Sierra K1500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

## Clean Plug # 6

- 54. On or about December 12, 2024, a 2001 Ford F150 Super Crew, VIN 1FTRW07L11KC12739, CA license 8D05809, was tested and smog certificate UG662050C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 55. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2001 Ford F150 Super Crew shows that between time stamp 354 and 26805, the engine RPM is steady at around 650 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 18.4% opening and the MAF is fixed at 4.7 grams/sec. After time stamp 27198, the engine RPM is increased then held steady at around 1575 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is varying between 14.1% and 16.1% opening while also ultimately dropping and the MAF is fluctuating between 2.81 grams/sec and 4.84 grams/sec.
- 56. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and fluctuating. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAF and throttle position is expected to increase, not decrease. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2001 Ford F150 Super Crew being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

#### Clean Plug # 7

57. On or about December 18, 2024, a 2001 GMC Yukon XL C1500, VIN 3GKEC16T11G147269, CA license 7XJG708, was tested and smog certificate UI167118C was

issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.

- 58. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2001 GMC Yukon XL C1500 shows that between time stamp 347 and 18162, the engine RPM is steady at around 800 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fixed at 1.2% opening, the MAP is fixed at 37 kPa, and the MAF is fixed at 3.68 grams/sec. After time stamp 18555, the engine RPM is increased then held around 1700RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating erratically between 0.4% and 4.7% opening, the MAP is fluctuating between 32 kPa and 39 kPa, and the MAF is fluctuating erratically between 3.03 grams/sec and 4.95 grams/sec.
- 59. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position, MAP, and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not fluctuating erratically. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2001 GMC Yukon XL C1500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

- 60. On or about January 3, 2025, a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado C1500, VIN 2GCEC19V021141126, CA license 46958N3, was tested and smog certificate UI245706C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 61. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2002 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 shows that between time stamp 348 and 21189, the engine RPM is raised and then held steady at around 800 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is varying abnormally between 1.6% and 5.5% opening, the MAP is fluctuating between 34 kPa and 45 kPa, and the MAF rises from 4.28 grams/sec to 4.46 grams/sec then drops to 2.75 grams/sec. After time stamp 21552, the data shows the engine RPM is increased and then held around 1450 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating between 1.6% and 4.7% opening, the MAP is fluctuating between 35 kPa and 40 kPa, and the MAF is fluctuating between 3 grams/sec and 4.2 grams/sec.

62. The steady idles and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position, MAP, and MAF readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not varying abnormally or fluctuating. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2002 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

- 63. On or about January 7, 2025, a 2016 Honda Accord Sport, VIN 1HGCR2F58GA226956, CA license 7TGD919, was tested and smog certificate UI245723C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 64. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2016 Honda Accord Sport shows that between time stamp 339 and 20215, the engine RPM is steady at around 715 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle drops from 7.5 % opening ultimately down to 5.9% while also being erratic, the MAP is fluctuating erratically between 14 kPa and 16 kPa, and the MAF is steady between 3.17 grams/sec and 3.19 grams/sec. After time stamp 20215, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady around 1730 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating erratically between 6.3% and 7.5% opening, the MAP is fluctuating between 15 kPa and 16 kPa, and the MAF is steady between 3.16 grams/sec and 3.2 grams/sec.
- 65. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position and MAP readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not dropping and fluctuating erratically along with a steady engine RPM. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAF and throttle position are expected to increase, not decrease to values equal to or less than idle or remain steady with no corresponding change. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2016 Honda Accord Sport being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

#### Clean Plug # 10

- 66. On or about January 26, 2025, a 2013 Honda Civic EX, VIN 19XFB2F86DE252281, CA license 8XIF777, was tested and smog certificate UI894781C was issued by Respondent ANJ Smog Check under the license of Smog Check Inspector EO 643973, Respondent Collazo.
- 67. The Dynamic PID charts and data for the 2013 Honda Civic EX shows that between time stamp 364 and 122791, the engine RPM is steady at around 725 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating erratically between 5.9% and 7.5% opening, the MAP is fluctuating erratically between 14 kPa and 16 kPa, and the MAF is steady between 3.16 grams/sec and 3.18 grams/sec. After time stamp 122791, the engine RPM is increased and then held steady at around 1730 RPM. During this time, the data shows that the throttle is fluctuating erratically between 5.9% and 7.1% opening, the MAP is fluctuating erratically between 14 kPa and 16 kPa, and the MAF is steady between 3.16 grams/sec and 3.19 grams/sec.
- 68. The steady idle and steady elevated engine RPMs along with the improbable throttle positions, MAP, and MAF readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The throttle position and MAP readings are expected to be stable at idle and at the elevated engine RPM, not fluctuating erratically along with a steady engine RPM. Additionally, with the elevated engine RPM, the MAF and throttle position are expected to increase, not decrease or remain steady with no corresponding change. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the OIS DAD was not connected as required to the 2013 Honda Civic EX being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Certificate of Compliance.

#### **Station Inspections**

69. On or about April 25, 2023, the Bureau visited ANJ Smog Check. The Bureau advised station owner Respondent Collazo that all smog check inspections should be performed by licensed technicians using their own access code, that no false information about the vehicle being tested should be entered in the analyzer, and that ANJ Smog Check shall conduct tests and inspection in accordance with the Bureau's Smog Check Manual. Respondent Collazo was informed that compliance with the Automotive Repair Act is mandatory. Respondent Collazo signed the Station Inspection Report.

- 70. On or about July 19, 2023, the Bureau visited ANJ Smog Check. The Bureau advised station owner Respondent Collazo that he is liable for all smog checks performed at ANJ Smog Check and that he has a responsibility to maintain the security and integrity of all equipment used for performing smog check inspections. Respondent Collazo signed the Station Inspection Report.
- 71. On or about October 30, 2024, the Bureau visited ANJ Smog Check. The Bureau advised station owner Respondent Collazo that all smog check inspections should be performed by licensed technicians using their own access code, that no false information about the vehicle being tested should be entered in the analyzer, and that ANJ Smog Check shall conduct tests and inspection in accordance with the Bureau's Smog Check Manual. Respondent Collazo was informed that compliance with the Automotive Repair Act is mandatory. Respondent Collazo signed the Station Inspection Report.
- 72. On or about April 24, 2025, a Bureau investigator visited ANJ Smog Check and found the station door open and a man standing at the BAR97 analyzer. The Bureau investigator identified himself to the man who declined to identify himself by name but only that he was at ANJ Smog Check on an appointment to service the BAR97 analyzer. The Bureau investigator asked for the owner, to which the man responded he did not know and that the shop next door let him in. The Bureau investigator prepared a Station Inspection report with his request for records by April 29, 2025, and left it by the OIS analyzer. After leaving ANJ Smog Check, the Bureau investigator called the station's phone number of record and spoke with Respondent Collazo. The Bureau investigator told him he had visited the station and left a request for records. Respondent Collazo said he was not at the station because he was not feeling well and was dealing with personal problems. Respondent Collazo stated he would let the Bureau investigator know when he was feeling better and when he would provide the requested records.
- 73. After a series of delays caused by Respondent Collazo, on or about May 21, 2025, the Bureau investigator returned to ANJ Smog Check and met with Respondent Collazo, who provided the Bureau investigator with nine of the ten invoices and VIRs previously requested. Respondent Collazo failed to maintain and provide to the Bureau the invoice and Vehicle

Inspection Report for the 2007 Chevrolet Express G1500, VIN 1GCFG15X271239328, CA license 8M4099, as requested by the Bureau. Respondent Collazo stated that he signed each of the VIRs in the records he provided to the Bureau investigator. Respondent Collazo stated he performed all the inspections himself without assistance from anyone. Respondent Collazo stated he inspects vehicles one at a time as they come to his station. The Bureau investigator prepared a Station Inspection Report, acknowledging receipt of ANJ Smog Check's records and recording Respondent Collazo's statements. Respondent Collazo read the Station Inspection Report, agreed with its accuracy, and signed it.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Untrue or Misleading Statements – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

74. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check made or authorized statements which they knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: Respondent ANJ Smog Check certified that these vehicles had passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, when in fact, Respondent ANJ Smog Check conducted the inspections on the vehicles using the clean plugging method in order to issue smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73 as though fully set forth herein.

#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

75. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for these vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emissions 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 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Recordkeeping Requirements – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

76. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 9884.11, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.15, subdivisions (e)(2) and (e)(3) and section 3358, subdivisions (a) and (d), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed to maintain and provide to the Bureau the invoice and Vehicle Inspection Report for the 2007 Chevrolet Express G1500, VIN 1GCFG15X271239328, CA license 8M4099, as requested by the Bureau. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

# **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

# (Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

77. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed in a material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for these vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emissions 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 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

78. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that, with

respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed to comply with the following sections of the Health and Safety Code:

- a. <u>Section 44012:</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on the vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 44015, subdivision (b):</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check issued electronic smog 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.
- c. <u>Section 44059:</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check willfully made false entries for the electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles by certifying that the vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

# SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

- 79. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed to comply with provisions of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check issued false or fraudulent certificates of compliance for the vehicles.
- b. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles even though the vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42 of the California Code of Regulations, title 16.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the vehicles.

- d. <u>Section 3340.42:</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check failed to ensure that the required smog tests were conducted on the vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.
- e. <u>Section 3373:</u> Respondent ANJ Smog Check withheld or inserted statements or information in an estimate, invoice, work order, or record required to be maintained by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.15, subdivision (e), which caused the document to be false or misleading for the vehicles.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

## **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

## (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit – Respondent ANJ Smog Check)

80. Respondent ANJ Smog Check's Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent ANJ Smog Check committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles 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 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

#### **EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent Collazo)

81. Respondent Collazo's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent Morales violated the following Health and Safety Code sections:

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- a. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (a):</u> Respondent Collazo failed to determine that all emission control devices and systems required by law were installed and functioning correctly on the vehicles in accordance with test procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (f):</u> Respondent Collazo failed to perform emission control tests on the vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- c. <u>Section 44032:</u> Respondent Collazo failed to perform tests of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles identified above in accordance with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, in that the vehicles had been clean plugged.
- d. <u>Section 44059:</u> Respondent Collazo willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that the vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

## **NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 82. Respondent Collazo's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent Collazo failed to comply with provisions of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent Collazo issued false or fraudulent electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a):</u> Respondent Collazo rales failed to inspect and test the vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012 and 44035 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent Collazo knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the vehicles.

d. <u>Section 3340.42:</u> Respondent Collazo failed to ensure that the required smog tests were conducted on the vehicles identified above in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit – Respondent Collazo)

83. Respondent Collazo's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that, with respect to the vehicles identified above, Respondent Collazo committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit when he issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for the vehicles 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 29-73, as though fully set forth herein.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- 84. 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 Miguel Angel Collazo upon a finding that he has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 85. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 305009, issued to Respondent Miguel Angel Collazo, dba ANJ Smog Check, is revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, 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.
- 86. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 643973, issued to Respondent Miguel Angel Collazo is revoked or

1	suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of
2	Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise
3	revoked or suspended by the Director.
4	<u>PRAYER</u>
5	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
6	and that following the hearing, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a
7	decision:
8	1. Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD
9	305009, issued to Miguel Angel Collazo, dba ANJ Smog Check;
10	2. Revoking or suspending Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC
11	305009, issued to Miguel Angel Collazo, dba ANJ Smog Check;
12	3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 643973, issued
13	to Miguel Angel Collazo;
14	4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5 of
15	Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Miguel Angel Collazo;
16	5. Revoking or suspending any other automotive repair dealer registration issued to
17	Miguel Angel Collazo;
18	6. Ordering Miguel Angel Collazo to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair the
19	reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and
20	Professions Code section 125.3 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
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1	7. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
2 3	DATED: As of digital signature date
4	PATRICK DORAIS Chief
5	Bureau of Automotive Repair Department of Consumer Affairs State of California
6	State of California  Complainant
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