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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
9	FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
10	STATE OF C	ALIFORMA
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/24-11141
12	AMADOR CALDERON VALIENTE- OWNER THE ROUTE 66 SMOG CHECK	
13	250 South Towne Avenue	ACCUSATION
14	Pomona, CA 91766 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 303254	
15	Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License No. TC 303254	
16	JOSE ANGEL NOVOA GUTIERREZ	
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19	and	
20	VICTOR ANTONIO BONILLA-	
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22	Riverside, CA 92507 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO	
23	644341	
24	Respondents.	
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26	<u>PARTIES</u>	
27	1. Patrick Dorais ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity	
28	as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs.	
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automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or

1	17. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states:	
2 3	The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a license as provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the following:	
4 5	(a) Violates any section of this chapter [the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (Health and Saf. Code, "44000, et seq.)] and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, which related to the licensed activities.	
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7	(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.	
9	(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.	
10	18. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:	
11	When a license has been revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of the licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.	
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13	19. Section 44072.10 of the Health and Safety Code, subdivision (c) states:	
14 15	(c) The department shall revoke the license of any smog check technician or station licensee who fraudulently certifies vehicles or participates in the fraudulent inspection of vehicles. A fraudulent inspection includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:  (1) Clean pining, along places places along clean tanking, or any other.	
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17	(1) Clean piping, clean plugging, clean glassing, clean tanking, or any other	
18	fraudulent inspection practice, as defined by the department.	
19	(2) Tampering with a vehicle emission control system or test analyzer system.	
20	(3) Tampering with a vehicle in a manner that would cause the vehicle to	
21	falsely pass or falsely fail an inspection.	
22	(4) Intentional or willful violation of this chapter or any regulation, standard, or procedure of the department implementing this chapter.	
23	REGULATORY PROVISIONS	
24	20. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.24, states:	
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26	(c) The bureau may suspend or revoke the license of or pursue other legal	
27	action against a licensee, if the licensee falsely or fraudulently issues or obtains a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance.	
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- (4) This subsection applies in all program areas statewide to vehicles requiring inspection pursuant to sections 44005 and 44011 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 25. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3373, states:

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 3340.15(f) of this chapter, withhold therefrom or insert therein any statement or 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

26. 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

- 27. During a Board Diagnostic Inspection System inspection ("OIS"), engine operating parameters are retrieved from the vehicle's OBD II system and recorded to the Vehicle Information Database ("VID"). This is accomplished during the functional portion of the OIS Smog Check Inspection by plugging the Data Acquisition Device ("DAD") into the vehicle's Diagnostic Link Connector ("DLC") when prompted by the OIS analyzer screen prompt. Some of the parameters recorded are:
  - Engine speed in revolutions per minute ("RPM").
  - The throttle position is measured by a throttle position sensor ("TPS") mounted onto the throttle shaft. It is measured in a percentage of opening from 0% at idle and near or up to 100% at full throttle.
  - Manifold absolute pressure as measured by a manifold air pressure sensor ("MAP") connected to an intake manifold source, measured in kilo pascals ("kpa"). Typical readings for a normally aspirated engine are as follows: 0 kPa being absolute vacuum, 25kPa to 45kPa at idle, and 101 kpa at full throttle, same as atmospheric pressure at sea level.
  - Mass airflow as measured by a mass air flow sensor ("MAF") mounted in the engine's air intake tract and measured in grams per second ("gps").
  - Ignition timing is set by the vehicle Powertrain Control Module ("PCM") based on engine speed and load and is measured in degrees Before Top Dead Center ("BTDC").

- 28. During normal engine operation at idle, the 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. For the engine speed to increase, the throttle would have to be opened 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 in RPM and/or MAF along with changes in MAP.
- 29. 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, an elevated or increased engine speed. The increase in engine speed is performed by the smog check 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.
- 30. The Bureau Representative conducted a detailed review of the VID data for the Smog Check inspections performed at Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility. The review showed a pattern of vehicles being certified with improbable engine operating parameters not corresponding to normal engine operation. The data collected by the DAD during the OBDII functional test confirmed that an OBD defeat device was used instead of the actual vehicle being tested, which constitutes clean plugging<sup>1</sup>. The Bureau Representative included fourteen (14) vehicles in his report as examples of fraudulent inspections using clean plugging and one (1) example of a fraudulent inspection using clean piping<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Clean piping" is sampling the (clean) tailpipe emissions and/or the RPM readings of another vehicle for the purpose of illegally issuing smog certifications to vehicles that are not in compliance or are not present in the smog check area during the time of the certification.

#### Fraudulent Inspection No. 1-2000 Honda Accord EX

- 31. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about March 16, 2024, a 2000 Honda Accord EX was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number TU113109C was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 32. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2000 Honda Accord EX showed that between timestamps 871 and 19754, the engine speed was steady at approximately 800 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 9.4% opening, the MAP was fixed at 91 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 0 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 19754, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2300 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 9.4% opening, the MAP was fixed at the same 91 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 0 degrees BTDC.
- 33. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Honda Accord EX being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

#### Fraudulent Inspection No. 2-2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport

- 34. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about June 19, 2024, a 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number TU113126C was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 35. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport showed that between timestamps 471 and 20362, the engine speed was steady at approximately 575 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 16.9% opening, the MAP was fixed at 42 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 8

degrees BTDC. After timestamp 20362, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1425 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 16.9% opening, the MAP was fixed at the same 42 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 8 degrees BTDC.

36. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Previous Failing Tests: No. 2-2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport

- 37. Two previous failing tests were performed on the 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport.
- 38. On or about June 6, 2024, the most recent test was performed at another station. The 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.
- 39. On or about June 4, 2024, the older failed test was performed at another station. The 2000 Jeep Cherokee Sport failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 3-2004 Lexus IS300

- 40. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about June 20, 2024, a 2004 Lexus IS300 was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number TU113132C was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 41. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2004 Lexus IS300 showed that between timestamps 1095 and 23311, the engine speed was steady at approximately 875 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 14.5% opening, the MAF was fixed at 4.28 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 12.5 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 23311, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1800 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 14.5%

opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 4.28 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 12.5 degrees BTDC.

42. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Lexus IS300 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## **Previous Failing Tests: No. 3-2004 Lexus IS300**

- 43. Two previous failing tests were performed on the 2004 Lexus IS300.
- 44. On or about February 6, 2024, the most recent test was performed at another station. The 2004 Lexus IS300 failed the inspection for an illuminated MIL and confirmed OBDII code P0456. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.
- 45. On or about January 25, 2024, the older failed test was performed at another station. The 2004 Lexus IS300 failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.

#### Fraudulent Inspection No. 4-2005 Buick Lacrosse CX

- 46. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about June 20, 2024, a 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number TU113136C was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 47. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX showed that between timestamps 396 and 17343, the engine speed was steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 0% opening, the MAF was fixed at 4.66 gps, the MAP was fixed at 30 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 22.5 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 17343, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1800 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 0% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 4.66 gps,

the MAP was fixed at the same 30 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for number 1 cylinder was also still fixed at the same 22.5 degrees BTDC.

48. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Previous Failing Tests: No. 4-2005 Buick Lacrosse CX

- 49. Two previous failing tests were performed on the 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX.
- 50. On or about May 1, 2024, the most recent test was performed at another station. The 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX failed the inspection for a tampered catalyst. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.
- 51. On or about February 22, 2024, the older failed test was performed at another station. The 2005 Buick Lacrosse CX failed the inspection for a tampered catalyst. The test detail also indicated confirmed DTC P0340, but the vehicle's MIL was not illuminated. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.

#### Fraudulent Inspection No. 5-2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser

- 52. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about June 20, 2024, a 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number TU113138C was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 53. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser showed that between timestamps 392 and 19061, the engine speed was steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 14.9% opening, the MAP was fixed at 44 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 16 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 19061, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1500 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was

fixed at the same 14.9% opening, the MAP was fixed at the same 44 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 16 degrees BTDC.

54. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Previous Failing Tests: No. 5-2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser

55. On or about April 11, 2023, a previous failing test was performed at another station on the 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser. The 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No dynamic data was collected during the inspection.

# Surveillance/Station Inspection June 20, 2024

- 56. On or about June 20, 2024, Bureau Representative S.K. conducted a surveillance of Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility. The station operated out of a single unit testing bay in a multi-unit complex. There was enough room for one (1) vehicle in the testing bay and only one door for entrance and exit to the unit. Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility can only be observed from inside the complex.
- 57. Bureau Representative S.K. was assisted by Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. Prior to the surveillance, Bureau Representative S.K. showed Bureau Representatives R.G. and A.R. a photograph of revoked Inspector Urzua from the Bureau records and informed them that he was the only inspector assigned to Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility.
- 58. Bureau Representatives S.K., R.G., A.R. and E.S. arrived near the proximity of Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility at approximately 1640 hours. Bureau Representative S.K. monitored the only driveway to access the complex in one (1) vehicle while R.G., A.R. and E.S. were in another vehicle monitoring testing data and waiting for Bureau Representative S.K.'s instruction.

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- 59. The Bureau's database indicated a test on a 2002 Acura RSX was initiated on the OIS analyzer at 1641 hours. While the test was in progress, Bureau Representative S.K. received a notification that an OBDII defeat device was being used during the inspection.
- 60. The Bureau's database indicated a test on a 1999 Ford Expedition was initiated on the BAR97 analyzer at 1645 hours while the test on the Acura RSX was still in progress. The Bureau database indicated the test on the 2002 Acura RSX was completed at 1650 hours, and the vehicle was certified.
- 61. The Bureau's database indicated a test on a 2006 Toyota Sienna was initiated at 1650 hours. While the test was in progress, Bureau Representative S.K. received a notification that an OBDII defeat device was being used during the inspection. The inspection on the 2006 Sienna was completed at 1701 hours. The vehicle had the certificate blocked.
- 62. At approximately 1705 hours, while Bureau Representative S.K. monitored the driveway to the complex, Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. entered the complex and were able to monitor Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility from the parking area. Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. observed a black 2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, California License Number 67223D3, parked perpendicular to the testing bay. The positioning of the truck prevented any vehicles from entering or exiting the business and partially blocked the view to the inside of the test bay. Bureau Representative R.G. confirmed he did not have a clear view inside of the testing bay, but was certain an SUV was not present inside.
- 63. At 1709 hours, the Bureau's database indicated the test on the 1999 Ford Expedition had been completed and the Expedition was certified. Bureau Representative S.K. instructed the Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. to visit Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility, perform an inspection, and collect any evidence.
- 64. Bureau Representative A.R. entered Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility first, followed by Bureau Representatives R.G. and E.S. When they arrived, Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. recognized revoked Inspector Urzua at Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility with another male, who was sitting in the driver's seat of a 1996 Lincoln Continental, California License Number 8PJL600, parked on the dynamometer. Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and

- E.S. did not recognize the second individual. Bureau Representative R.G. photographed revoked Inspector Urzua and the other male in the test bay.
- 65. Bureau Representatives A.R. and R.G. attempted to question revoked Inspector Urzua about the 1999 Expedition he just certified. Revoked Inspector Urzua refused to answer any questions and walked into the adjacent bay of another business. The other individual at Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility refused to answer any questions and attempted to block Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R. and E.S. from inspecting Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility.
- 66. Bureau Representative S.K. arrived at the location approximately 1715 hours. When Bureau Representative S.K. arrived, a black 2021 Chevrolet Silverado, California License Number 67223D3, was parked perpendicular to the testing bay, blocking any vehicle from entering or exiting. As Bureau Representative S.K. walked into the testing bay to perform an inspection, revoked Inspector Urzua had already left. Bureau Representative S.K. recognized the other individual at the station as Robert Perez/Roberto Silva Perez ("Perez"). Bureau Representative S.K. had prior contact with Perez at other stations that Bureau Representative S.K. investigated for fraudulent smog check activity. Perez was previously licensed as a Smog Check Inspector Number E0634504 and had his license revoked. Perez, who was agitated, was verbally abusive and stated the shop was closed, demanding that Bureau Representatives S.K., R.G., A.R. and E.S. leave.
- 67. Bureau Representative S.K. informed Perez that they had the right to inspect the Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility since it was open for business. Bureau Representative S.K. briefly entered the testing bay and took photographs. There was a stack of several unsigned Vehicle Inspection Reports ("VIR") for inspections performed earlier in the day and the day prior, but the station had no corresponding invoices. There were no documents for the test just performed on the 1999 Ford Expedition. Perez stated he was closing the station and threatened to close the door on anyone inside.
- 68. Bureau Representative S.K. questioned Perez about whether he was the station manager of Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility. Perez stated he had nothing to do with the

dynamometer, as opposed to the two-speed idle test ("TSI"), which measures tailpipe emissions at two engine speeds with the vehicle static. The TSI test is primarily used for heavy-duty (over 9999-lbs. gross vehicle weight rating) vehicles, vehicles with full-time traction control, or full-time four-wheel drive vehicles.

73. Bureau Representative S.K. compared the BAR97 test details to the observations of Bureau Representatives R.G., A.R., E.S. and himself. Bureau Representative S.K. noted the following discrepancy:

# Fraudulent Inspection No. 6-1999 Ford Expedition

- 74. On or about June 20, 2024, the BAR97 Test Detail showed that between 1645 and 1709 hours, a 1999 Ford Expedition was tested and issued Certificate of Compliance Number TY790590C that was issued by revoked Inspector Urzua. During the time the 1999 Ford Expedition was certified, it was not present at the station. During the inspection, a 1996 Lincoln Continental, California License Number 7UAA686, registered to revoked Inspector Urzua, was observed in the testing bay.
- 75. On or about June 20, 2024, the Bureau's records showed that the 1996 Continental was tested twice at Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility. The Continental failed the first inspection and passed the second inspection conducted earlier in the day.

# Meeting With Respondent Route 66 Smog's Owner Amador Calderon Valiente-June 21, 2024

- 76. On or about June 21, 2024, the Bureau Representative met with Valiente at the Riverside Field Office to discuss testing data and the visit to his station on or about June 20, 2024. The Bureau Representative informed Valiente that the Bureau had evidence that a 1999 Ford Expedition was fraudulently certified at his station by revoked Inspector Urzua.
- 77. Valiente stated he was unaware of what was happening at his station, and the Route 66 Smog Check was a side business. Valiente stated he was a full-time electrician but was familiar with how a smog check station operated. Valiente stated he met revoked Inspector Urzua about a year prior and trusted him to properly manage and run his business. Valiente stated he

didn't have any other employees managing his business and didn't know of anyone named Roberto Silva Perez.

- 78. The Bureau Representative informed Valiente that he was responsible for activity at his station, and they discussed ways to better monitor his business to ensure compliance with Smog Check testing regulations. Valiente stated that revoked Inspector Urzua no longer worked for him and requested that he be removed from the station. Valiente stated he was currently looking for a replacement technician.
- 79. The Bureau Representative informed Valiente that he or his employees were to grant the Bureau access to inspect his station anytime the station was testing vehicles or during normal business hours.
- 80. The Bureau Representative requested all estimates, invoices, and VIRs for all inspections performed at his station since June 1, 2024. The Bureau Representative informed Valiente that he could bring the records to the Riverside Field Office or make arrangements for a representative to get the records by June 27, 2024.
- 81. Valiente stated he understood everything that was discussed during the meeting, and compliance with the Automotive Repair Act was mandatory. The Bureau Representative informed Valiente that failure to comply with regulations was grounds for disciplinary action. The Bureau Representative completed a station inspection report documenting their meeting, which they both signed and dated. The Bureau Representative gave a copy to Valiente.

#### **Additional Data Review**

82. After the Bureau Representative met with Valiente, the Bureau Representative continued to monitor station testing data. On or about July 17, 2024, Respondent Gutierrez was added to Respondent Route 66 Smog as the licensed smog inspector. On or about September 25, 2024, Respondent Anguiano was added to Respondent Route 66 Smog as the licensed smog inspector. Testing data showed that Respondents Gutierrez and Anguiano were also using an OBDII defeat device to perform fraudulent Smog Check inspections.

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## Fraudulent Inspection No. 7-2002 Toyota Camry LE

- 83. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about August 8, 2024, a 2002 Toyota Camry LE was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number UC257464C was issued by Respondent Gutierrez.
- 84. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2002 Toyota Camry LE showed that between timestamps 1002 and 26643, the engine speed was steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 15.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at 3.1 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 9 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 26643, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1900 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 15.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 3.1 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 9 degrees BTDC.
- 85. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 Toyota Camry LE being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

# Previous Failing Tests: No. 7-2002 Toyota Camry LE

86. On or about April 30, 2024, a previous failing test was performed at another station on the 2002 Toyota Camry LE. The 2002 Camry LE failed the inspection for an illuminated MIL, confirmed diagnostic trouble codes P1135 and P1155, and incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed that the expected change in the throttle, MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

# Fraudulent Inspection No. 8-2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500

87. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about August 8, 2024, a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500

was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number UC257465C was issued by Respondent Gutierrez.

- 88. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 showed that between timestamps 447 and 23414, the engine speed was steady at approximately 750 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at .4% opening, the MAF was fixed at 6.76 gps, the MAP was fixed at 38 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 19.5 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 23414, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1500 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same .4% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 6.76 gps, the MAP was fixed at the same 38 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 19.5 degrees BTDC.
- 89. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

# Previous Failing Tests: No. 8-2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500

90. On or about July 31, 2024, a previous failing test was performed on the 2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 by Respondent Gutierrez at Respondent Route 66 Smog's facility. The 2000 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed that the expected change in the throttle, the MAF, the MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 9-2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500

91. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66Smog. The review indicated that on or about August 9, 2024, a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500

was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number UC257471C was issued by Respondent Gutierrez.

- 92. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500 showed that between timestamps 388 and 21687, the engine speed was steady at approximately 600 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 14.9% opening, the MAF was fixed at 3.86 gps, the MAP was fixed at 34 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 18 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 21687, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1725 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 14.9% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 3.86 gps, the MAP was fixed at the same 34 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 18 degrees BTDC.
- 93. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Previous Failing Tests: No. 9-2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500

94. On or about August 28, 2023, a previous failing test was performed on the 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500 at another station. The 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche C1500 failed the inspection for the visual inspection (Crankcase Emission Controls and Other Emission Related Components/Systems), an illuminated MIL, incomplete OBDII readiness monitors, and confirmed OBDII DTCs P0102 and P0300. No Dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the test.

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## Fraudulent Inspection No. 10-2004 Ford Escape XLT

- 95. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about August 9, 2024, a 2004 Ford Escape XLT was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number UC257474C was issued by Respondent Gutierrez.
- 96. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2004 Ford Escape XLT showed that between timestamps 382 and 18334, the engine speed was steady at approximately 625 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 20.8% opening, the MAF was fixed at .42 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 0 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 18334, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1900 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 20.8% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same .42 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 0 degrees BTDC.
- 97. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Ford Escape XLT being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

# Fraudulent Inspection No. 11-2005 Dodge RAM 1500 ST

- 98. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about August 14, 2024, a 2005 Dodge RAM 1500 ST was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number UC257490C was issued by Respondent Gutierrez.
- 99. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2005 Dodge RAM 1500 ST showed that between timestamps 373 and 21118, the engine speed was steady at approximately 550 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 11% opening, the MAP was fixed at 91 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at -64 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 21118, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1700 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was

fixed at the same 11% opening, the MAP was fixed at the same 91 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same -64 degrees BTDC.

100. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Dodge RAM 1500 ST being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 12-2002 Lexus IS 300

101. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about September 26, 2024, a 2002 Lexus IS 300 was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number IZ901885C was issued by Respondent Anguiano.

102. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2002 Lexus IS 300 showed that between timestamps 992 and 21256, the engine speed was steady at approximately 675 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 16.1% opening, the MAF was fixed at 4.87 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 12.5 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 21256, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2050 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 16.1% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 4.87 gps, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 12.5 degrees BTDC.

103. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 Lexus IS 300 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

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#### **Previous Failing Tests: No. 12-2002 Lexus IS 300**

104. On or about August 28, 2024, a previous failing test was performed on the 2002 Lexus IS 300 at another station in the city of Fresno. The 2002 Lexus IS 300 failed the inspection for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed that the expected change in the throttle, the MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 13-2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500

105. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about September 26, 2024, a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500 was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number IZ901888C was issued by Respondent Anguiano.

106. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500 showed that between timestamps 390 and 19539, the engine speed was steady at approximately 525 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 11.4% opening, the MAF was fixed at 5.21 gps, the MAP was fixed at 35 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 16.5 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 19539, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1800 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 11.4% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 5.21 gps, the MAP was fixed at the same 35 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 16.5 degrees BTDC.

107. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

#### Previous Failing Tests: No. 13-2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500

108. On or about August 6, 2024, a previous failing test was performed on the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500 at another station in the city of Fresno. The 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500 failed the inspection for the functional smoke test. No Dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the test.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 14-2007 Pontiac Grand Prix

- 109. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about September 26, 2024, a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number IZ901890C was issued by Respondent Anguiano.
- 110. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix showed that between timestamps 360 and 19997, the engine speed was steady at approximately 800 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 15.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at 6.1 gps, the MAP was fixed at 37 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 20 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 19997, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1900 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 15.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 6.1 gps, the MAP was fixed at the same 37 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 20 degrees BTDC.
- 111. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

## Previous Failing Tests: No. 14-2007 Pontiac Grand Prix

112. On or about June 5, 2024, a previous failing test was performed on the 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix at another station. The 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix failed the inspection for an

illuminated MIL, incomplete OBDII readiness monitors, and stored OBDII DTCs P0118, P0499, and P0455. No Dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the test. test.

## Fraudulent Inspection No. 15-2000 Chevrolet Suburban C1500

- 113. A Bureau Representative reviewed the OIS Test Data for Respondent Route 66 Smog. The review indicated that on or about September 26, 2024, a 2000 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 was tested, and Certificate of Compliance Number IZ901893C was issued by Respondent Anguiano.
- 114. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts data for the 2000 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 showed that between timestamps 363 and 19848, the engine speed was steady at approximately 550 RPM. During this time, the throttle was fixed at 4.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at 4.9 gps, the MAP was fixed at 34 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at 23 degrees BTDC. After timestamp 19848, the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1825 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 4.7% opening, the MAF was fixed at the same 4.9 gps, the MAP was fixed at the same 37 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for the number 1 cylinder was fixed at the same 23 degrees BTDC.
- 115. During the entire period, the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was the engine RPM. The throttle position, the MAF, the MAP, and the ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data proved that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 being certified, which caused the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check Certificate of Compliance.

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

116. Respondent Route 66 Smog's Automotive Repair Registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3373, in that between March 16, 2024, through September 26, 2024, Respondent Route 66

Smog made or authorized statements which he knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: Respondent Route 66 Smog certified that vehicles 1 through 15, set forth above, had passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Respondent Route 66 Smog conducted the inspections on the vehicles using the clean plugging method by substituting or using different vehicles or another source during the OBD II functional tests to issue smog certificates of compliance for the fourteen (14) vehicles and using the clean piping method in order to issue smog certificate of compliance for one (1) vehicle and did not test or inspect the fifteen (15) 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 27 through 115, as though fully set forth.

## **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Fraud)

117. Respondent Route 66 Smog's Automotive Repair Registration is subject to discipline pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that between March 16, 2024, through September 26, 2024, Respondent Route 66 Smog committed acts that constitute fraud by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for vehicles 1 through 15, set forth above, 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 27 through 115, as though fully set forth.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

118. Respondent Route 66 Smog's Automotive Repair Registration is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that between March 16, 2024, through September 26, 2024, regarding vehicles 1 through 15, set forth above, Respondent Route 66 Smog 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 the fifteen (15) vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emissions control devices

Respondent Route 66 Smog failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Route 66 Smog falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- b. <u>Section 3340.35</u>, <u>subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Route 66 Smog issued electronic smog certificates of compliance even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42 of that Code.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent Route 66 Smog knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the fifteen (15) vehicles identified above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Route 66 Smog failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 27 through 115, as though fully set forth.

# SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

121. Respondent Route 66 Smog's Smog Check, Test Only Station License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 44072.2, subdivision (d) in conjunction with 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that between March 16, 2024, through September 26, 2024, regarding vehicles 1 through 15, set forth above, Respondent Route 66 Smog committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 27 through 115, as though fully set forth.

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## **SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 122. Respondent Gutierrez's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that between August 8, 2024, through August 14, 2024, regarding vehicles 7 through 11, set forth above, Respondent Gutierrez violated the following Health and Safety Code sections:
- a. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (a):</u> Respondent Gutierrez failed to determine that all emission control devices and systems required by law were installed and functioning correctly on the vehicles identified above in accordance with test procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (f):</u> Respondent Gutierrez failed to perform emission control tests on the vehicles identified above in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- c. <u>Section 44032:</u> Respondent Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that the vehicles identified above 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 27 through 30 and 82 through 100, as though fully set forth.

## **EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

123. Respondent Gutierrez's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that between August 8, 2024, through August 14, 2024, regarding vehicles 7 through 11, set forth above, he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

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- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Gutierrez falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30 subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent Gutierrez failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent Gutierrez knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the five (5) vehicles identified above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Gutierrez failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 27 through 30 and 82 through 100, as though fully set forth.

## **NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

124. Respondent Gutierrez'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 between August 8, 2024, through August 14, 2024, regarding vehicles 7 through 11, set forth above, Respondent Gutierrez 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 27 through 30 and 82 through 100, as though fully set forth.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

125. Respondent Anguiano's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action under Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that on or about

September 26, 2024, regarding vehicles 12 through 15, set forth above, Respondent Anguiano violated the following Health and Safety Code sections:

- a. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (a):</u> Respondent Anguiano failed to determine that all emission control devices and systems required by law were installed and functioning correctly on the vehicles identified above in accordance with test procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- b. <u>Section 44012, subdivision (f):</u> Respondent Anguiano failed to perform emission control tests on the vehicles identified above in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Bureau.
- c. <u>Section 44032:</u> Respondent Anguiano 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 Anguiano willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that the vehicles identified above 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 27 through 30, 82, and 101 through 115, as though fully set forth.

## **ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 126. Respondent Anguiano's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that on or about September 26, 2024, regarding vehicles 12 through 15, set forth above, he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Anguiano falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.

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- b. <u>Section 3340.30 subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent Anguiano failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c):</u> Respondent Anguiano knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the four (4) vehicles identified above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Anguiano failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations set forth above in paragraphs 27 through 30, 82, and 101 through 115, as though fully set forth.

## TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit - Respondent Anguiano)

127. Respondent Anguiano'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 on or about September 26, 2024, regarding vehicles 12 through 15, set forth above, Respondent Anguiano 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 27 through 30, 82, and 101 through 115, as though fully set forth.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- 128. Pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (c), the director may suspend revoke, or place on probation the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Amador Calderon Valiente, upon a finding that said Respondent Route 66 Smog has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 129. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only Station License No. TC 303254, issued to Amador Calderon Valiente-Owner dba The Route 66

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Smog Check, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Div 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

- 130. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 644493, issued to Jose Angel Novoa Gutierrez, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Div 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 131. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 644341, issued to Victor Antonio Bonilla-Anguiano, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Div 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

## **PRAYER**

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

- 1. Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 303254, issued to Amador Calderon Valiente-Owner dba The Route 66 Smog Check;
- 2. Revoking, suspending, or placing on probation any other automotive repair dealer registration issued in the name of Amador Calderon Valiente;
- 3. Revoking or suspending Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 303254, issued to Amador Calderon Valiente-Owner dba The Route 66 Smog Check;
- 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 Amador Calderon Valiente;
- 5. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 644493, issued to Jose Angel Novoa Gutierrez;
- 6. 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 Jose Angel Novoa Gutierrez;