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10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR		
11	STATE OF CAL	JIFORNIA	
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/25-1454	
13	UBALDO CURIEL ZEPEDA d.b.a. JURUPA V SMOG	OAH No.	
14	6645 Mission Blvd # C Riverside, CA 92509	ACCUSATION	
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17	19197 Painted Rock St Perris, CA 92570		
18	Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 301891; Smog Check Station License No.		
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PARTIES

- 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of Consumer Affairs.
- 2. On or about March 4, 2022, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 301891 to Ubaldo C Zepeda dba Jurupa V Smog (Respondent Jurupa V Smog). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2026, unless renewed.
- 3. On or about March 30, 2022, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License Number TC 301891 to Ubaldo C Zepeda dba Jurupa V Smog. The Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2026, unless renewed.
- 4. Respondent is also certified as a STAR Station. The certification was issued on April 26, 2022, and will remain active unless the ARD registration and/or Smog Check Station license is revoked, canceled, licenses become delinquent, or the certification is suspended. The certification was suspended on March 8, 2024.
- 5. On or about December 10, 2012, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 635028 to Ubaldo Curiel Zepeda (Respondent Zepeda). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2027, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about September 25, 2023, Bureau of Automotive Repair issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 644580 to Ernesto Carrillo (Respondent Carrillo). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2027, unless renewed.

1	(1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which
2	by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
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4	(4) Any other conduct which constitutes fraud.
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6	(6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or
7	regulations adopted pursuant to it.
8	14. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states:
9	The director may suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action against a
10	license as provided in this article if the licensee, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, does any of the following:
11	(a) Violates any section of this chapter [the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program
12	(Health and Saf. Code, ' 44000, et seq.)] and the regulations adopted pursuant to it, which related to the licensed activities.
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15	(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.
16	(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is
17	injured.
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19	15. Section 44072.10 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:
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21	(c) The department shall revoke the license of any smog check technician or
22	station license who fraudulently certifies vehicles or participates in the fraudulent inspection of vehicles. A fraudulent inspection includes, but is not limited to, all of
23	the following:
24	(1) Clean piping, as defined by the department.
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26	(4) Intentional or willful violation of this chapter or any regulation, standard, or procedure of the department implementing this chapter.
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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 DLC. The California OIS software requires a continuous Internet connection when performing a Smog Check inspection and the OIS software communicates with BAR's central database through the Internet connection. The bar code scanner is used to input technician information, the vehicles identification number ("VIN"), and 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.

- 22. 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.
- 23. 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:
 - Engine speed in revolutions per minute (RPM)
 - 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.
 - 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 vehicle as follows: 0 kpa being absolute vacuum, 25kpa to 45kpa at idle, 101 kpa at full throttle, same as atmospheric pressure at sea level.

- 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).²
- Ignition timing is set by the vehicle PCM based on engine speed and load, and is measured in degrees Before Top Dead Center (BTDC).
- 24. 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. 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 RPM and/or MAF along with changes in MAP.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 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 Vehicle Information Database ("VID"). These Certificates of Compliance are purchased in blocks of fifty (50) through the EIS or OIS from the VID, using a pre-arranged electronic bank account debit system or by check, via mail, from Bureau Headquarters in Sacramento. 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.
- 27. The VID contains registration data from Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") plus emission standards, vehicle smog check inspections, smog check stations and technicians,

² Not all vehicles include both MAP and MAF parameters. Many vehicles will have either MAP or MAF parameters separately.

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 Vehicle Inspection Report ("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.

- 28. 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.
- 29. Respondents have engaged in numerous acts or omissions constituting violations of the Automotive Repair Act (Business and Professions Code section 9880 *et seq.*) and Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (Health and Safety Code section 44000 *et seq.*) through their practice of "clean plugging." Respondent's employees' OIS Test Data available on the State database indicates that Respondents are involved in fraudulent smog inspection activities. A Bureau representative initiated an investigation based on information transmitted to the VID for smog check inspections performed by Respondent's employees. The investigation revealed that the data related to certain vehicles certified by Respondent's employees contained a pattern of unmistakable discrepancies between the information transmitted during the inspections and

³ "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.

documented information known about the vehicles at issue. Specifically, the representative compared the data received from the certified vehicles to data from vehicles of the same year, make, and model and determined that the data from at least fifteen (15) of the certified vehicles were fraudulently tested by Respondent's employees during the smog inspection using the "clean plugging" method as follows:

Fraudulent Inspection #1 (Carrillo):

- 30. Bureau representative Steve Koch (Koch) reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on December 8, 2023, a 2002 BMW M3, CA license 5TEL416, VIN WBSBL93412JR13696 (2002 M3), was tested and Smog Check certificate # IX781080C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #EO644580, Carrillo.
- 31. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2002 M3 shows between time stamps 169 and 17789, engine speed is steady at approximately 825 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at a 0% opening, MAF is fixed at 7.15 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 21.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 17789, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1525 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 0% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 7.15 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 21.5 degrees BTDC.
- 32. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2002 M3 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #2 (Carrillo):

33. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on December 23, 2023, a 2000 Mazda MPV Wagon, CA license 6HZT446, VIN JM3LW28G0Y0141775 (2000 MPV), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TQ301034C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO644580, Carrillo.

- 34. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2000 MPV shows, between time stamps 332 and 18399, engine speed is steady at approximately 725 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at a 0% opening, MAF is fixed at 3.6 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 10.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18399, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1700 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 0% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 3.6 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 10.5 degrees BTDC.
- 35. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2000 MPV being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #3 (Carrillo):

- 36. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on December 29, 2023, a 2005 Hummer H2, CA license 6AMU752, VIN 5GRGN23U05H101413 (2005 H2), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TQ413437C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO644580, Carrillo.
- 37. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2005 H2 shows, between time stamps 30 and 19299, engine speed is steady at approximately 600 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at a 4.7% opening, MAF is fixed at 5.93 gps, MAP is fixed at 35 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 15 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 19299, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1950 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 4.7% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 5.93 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 35 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 15 degrees BTDC.
- 38. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP and spark timing readings remained unchanged

even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2005 H2 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #4 (Carrillo):

- 39. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on December 29, 2023, a 2004 Nissan Altima Base, CA license 7NPA288, VIN 1N4AL11D14C181283 (2004 Altima), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TQ413438C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #EO644580, Carrillo.
- 40. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2004 Altima shows, between time stamps 187 and 19408, engine speed is steady at approximately 725 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at a 2% opening, MAF is fixed at 3.27 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 12 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 19408, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1925 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 2% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 3.27 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 12 degrees BTDC.
- 41. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2004 Altima being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #5 (Carrillo):

42. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on January 3, 2024, a 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX, CA license 5CWA756, VIN JF1GD29694G506483 (2004 WRX), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TQ537584C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #EO644580, Carrillo.

- 43. The dynamic data PID charts for the 2004 WRX shows, between time stamps 186 and 20166, engine speed is steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 10.6% opening, MAF is fixed at 2.49 gps, MAP is fixed at 29 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 11 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 20166, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1600 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 10.6% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 2.49 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 29 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 11 degrees BTDC.
- 44. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 WRX being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #6 (Zepeda):

- 45. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on January 9, 2024, a 2002 Ford Explorer XLS, CA license 5LNR010, VIN 1FMZU62E12ZA31680 (2002 Explorer), was tested and Smog Check certificate # IX983557C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO635028, Zepeda.
- 46. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2002 Explorer shows, between time stamps 21 and 25069, engine speed is steady at approximately 650 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 17.6% opening, MAF is fixed at .16 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 0 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 25069, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1800 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 17.6% opening, MAF is fixed at the same .16 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 0 degrees BTDC.
- 47. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even

though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2002 Explorer being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #7 (Zepeda):

- 48. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on January 24, 2024, a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe C1500, CA license 76651V2, VIN 1GNEC13Z72R271642 (2002 Tahoe), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TS180711C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #EO635028, Zepeda.
- 49. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2002 Tahoe shows, between time stamps 43 and 18233, engine speed is steady at approximately 550 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 10.2% opening, MAF is fixed at 6.36 gps, MAP is fixed at 41 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 17.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18233, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1950 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 10.2% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 6.36 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 41 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 17.5 degrees BTDC.
- 50. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2002 Tahoe being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #8 (Zepeda):

51. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on February 3, 2024, a 2001 GMC New Sierra C1500, CA license 35530Z1, VIN 2GTEC19V611330877 (2001 New Sierra), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TS368742C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO635028, Zepeda.

- 52. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2001 New Sierra shows, between time stamps 24 and 25024, engine speed is steady at approximately 550 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 0% opening, MAF is fixed at 4.36 gps, MAP is fixed at 35 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 22.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 25024, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 2150 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 0% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 4.36 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 35 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 22.5 degrees BTDC.
- 53. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2001 New Sierra being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Previous Failing Tests: 2001 New Sierra

54. Two previous failing tests were performed on the 2001 New Sierra.

The most recent failing test was performed on the 2001 New Sierra at another station on May 25, 2023. The 2001 New Sierra failed the test for incomplete OBD readiness monitors. No dynamic PID data was collected during the test.

55. The earlier failing test was performed on the 2001 New Sierra at another station on March 14, 2023. The 2001 New Sierra failed the test for Visual: Tampered Other Emission Related Components/Systems, and incomplete OBD readiness monitors. No dynamic PID data was collected during the test.

Fraudulent Inspection #9 (Mobasser):

56. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on April 5, 2024, a 2000 Toyota Camry CE, CA license 4KRA124, VIN 4T1BG22K1YU663446 (2000 Camry), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TU772249C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO644392, Mobasser.

- 57. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2000 Camry shows, between time stamps 150 and 20055, engine speed is steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 12.9% opening, MAP is fixed at 25 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 6.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 20055, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1700 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 12.9% opening, MAP is fixed at the same 25 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 6.5 degrees BTDC.
- 58. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2000 Camry being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #10 (Mobasser):

- 59. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on April 8, 2024, a 2003 Ford Econoline E150 Van, CA license 7D28611, VIN 1FTRE14W33HA04577 (2003 Econoline), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TU972012C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #E0644392, Mobasser.
- 60. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2003 Econoline shows, between time stamps 23 and 18760, engine speed is steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 17.6% opening, MAF is fixed at 4.09 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 11 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18760, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1700 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 17.6% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 4.09 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 11 degrees BTDC.
- 61. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for

normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2003 Econoline being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #11 (Mobasser):

- 62. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on April 10, 2024, a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado C2500 Heavy Duty, CA license 14831M3, VIN 1GCHC23UX2F112681 (2002 Silverado HD), was tested and Smog Check certificate TU972023C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO644392, Mobasser.
- 63. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2002 Silverado HD shows, between time stamps 30 and 29989, engine speed is steady at approximately 600 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 0% opening, MAF is fixed at 4.96 gps, MAP is fixed at 30 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 15 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 29989, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 2050 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 0% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 4.96 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 30 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 15 degrees BTDC.
- 64. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2002 Silverado HD being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Previous Failing Test: 2002 Silverado HD

65. A previous failing test was performed on the 2002 Silverado HD by licensed inspector Zepeda at Jurupa V Smog on March 18, 2024. The 2002 Silverado HD failed the test for incomplete OBD readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBD DTC P0308. The dynamic PID data collected during the test shows the expected change in the TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

Fraudulent Inspection #12 (Mobasser):

- 66. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on April 20, 2024, a 2003 Toyota Echo, CA license 5GAH954, VIN JTDBT123435037069 (2003 Echo), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TW234937C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO644392, Mobasser.
- 67. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2003 Echo shows, between time stamps 134 and 18273, engine speed is steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 11% opening, MAF is fixed at 1.75 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 5.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18273, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1925 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 11% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 1.75 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 5.5 degrees BTDC.
- 68. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2003 Echo being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #13 (Mobasser):

- 69. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on April 20, 2024, a 2005 Mercedes-Benz ML 500, CA license 5KRJ572, VIN 4JGAB75EX5A553411 (2005 ML 500), was tested and Smog Check certificate # TW234939C was issued under licensed Smog Check technician #EO644392, Mobasser.
- 70. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2005 ML 500 shows, between time stamps 174 and 17927, engine speed is steady at approximately 650 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 3.9% opening, MAF is fixed at 5.41 gps, MAP is fixed at 33 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at -7.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 17927, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1650 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the

higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 3.9% opening, MAF is fixed at the same 5.41 gps, MAP is fixed at the same 33 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same -7.5 degrees BTDC.

71. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2005 ML 500 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #14 (Zepeda):

- 72. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on October 11, 2024, a 2004 Infiniti I35, CA license 8KIT566, VIN JNKDA31A64T208278 (2004 I35), was tested and Smog Check certificate # JB480692C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO635028, Zepeda.
- 73. The dynamic data PID charts for the 2004 I35 shows, between time stamps 389 and 17762, engine speed is steady at approximately 800 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 0% opening, MAF is fixed at .2 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 63.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 17762, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1750 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 0% opening, MAF is fixed at the same .2 gps, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 63.5 degrees BTDC.
- 74. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAF, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2004 I35 being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

Fraudulent Inspection #15 (Zepeda):

- 75. Koch reviewed the VID data for Jurupa V Smog. The review indicates on January 29, 2025, a 2005 Chrysler Sebring Touring, CA license P541250, VIN 1C3EL55R95N646069 (2005 Sebring), was tested and Smog Check certificate # UK016638C was issued under licensed Smog Check Technician #EO635028, Zepeda.
- 76. The dynamic data and PID charts for the 2005 Sebring shows, between time stamps 115 and 18860, engine speed is steady at approximately 700 RPM. During this time, the TPS is fixed at 14.9% opening, MAP is fixed at 33 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is fixed at 7 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18860, the engine speed accelerates to approximately 1600 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the TPS is fixed at the same 14.9% opening, MAP is fixed at the same 33 kPa, and the spark timing for #1 cylinder is also still fixed at the same 7 degrees BTDC.
- 77. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The TPS, MAP, and spark timing readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings are not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the dynamic data prove the DAD was not connected to the 2005 Sebring being certified, causing the issuance of a fraudulent Smog Check certificate of compliance.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements - Respondent Jurupa V Smog)

78. Respondent Jurupa V Smog's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent's employees 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's employees certified that the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-77, had passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Respondent's employees conducted the inspections on those vehicles using the clean plugging method in order to issue smog certificates of compliance, and did not test or insect the vehicles as required by Health and Safety Code section 44012.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud - Respondent Jurupa V Smog)

79. Respondent Jurupa V Smog's registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employees committed acts which constitute fraud by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-77, 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.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent Jurupa V Smog)

- 80. Respondent Jurupa V Smog's smog station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10 subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-77, Respondent Jurupa V Smog failed to comply with the following sections of the Health and Safety Code:
- (a) <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employees failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on the vehicles, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- (b) <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employees issued electronic certificates of compliance for the vehicles, without ensuring that the vehicles were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program - Respondent Jurupa V Smog)

81. Respondent Jurupa V Smog's smog station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that regarding the

vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-77, Respondent's employees failed to comply with the following provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, as follows:

- (a) <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employees issued electronic certificates of compliance even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42, Title 16, of the California Code of Regulations.
- (b) <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employees failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit - Respondent Jurupa V Smog)

82. Respondent Jurupa V Smog's smog station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10 subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-77, Respondent Jurupa V Smog's employee's committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of 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.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent Zepeda)

83. Respondent Zepeda's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 45-53 and 72-77, Respondent Zepeda failed to comply with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Zepeda failed to perform the emission control tests on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

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SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 84. Respondent Zepeda's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 45-53 and 72-77, Respondent Zepeda failed to comply with provisions of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- (a) <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent Zepeda failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- (b) <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Zepeda entered false information into the EIS.
- (c) <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Zepeda failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit - Respondent Zepeda)

85. Respondent Zepeda's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10 subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 45-53 and 72-77, Respondent Zepeda committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for those vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of 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.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent Carrillo)

86. Respondent Carrillo's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 30-44, Respondent Carrillo failed to comply with section 44012 of the

TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program – Respondent Mobasser)

89. Respondent Mobasser's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 56-64, and 66-71, Respondent Mobasser failed to comply with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code in a material respect, as follows: Respondent Carrillo failed to perform the emission control tests on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 90. Respondent Mobasser's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 56-64, and 66-71, Respondent Mobasser failed to comply with provisions of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- (a) <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent Mobasser failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- (b) <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent Mobasser entered false information into the EIS.
- (c) <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent Mobasser failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit - Respondent Mobasser)

91. Respondent Mobasser's smog check inspector license is subject to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health and Safety Code section 44072.10 subdivision (c), in that regarding the vehicles set forth above in paragraphs 56-64, and 66-71, Respondent Mobasser committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for those

vehicles without performing bona fide inspections of 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.

OTHER MATTERS

- 92. Pursuant to Business & 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 Jurupa V Smog upon a finding that Respondent Jurupa V Smog has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 93. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only Station License Number TC 301891 issued to Respondent Jurupa V Smog is revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5, Division 26 in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 94. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 644580 issued to Respondent Carrillo, is revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5, Division 26 in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 95. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 635028, issued to Respondent Zepeda, is revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5, Division 26 in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 96. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 644392, issued to Respondent Mobasser, is revoked or suspended following a hearing under this article, any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5, Division 26 in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

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1	11. Taking such other and further a	action as deemed necessary and proper.
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