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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: **VTEC MOTOR SPORTS** **2527 South Winchester Boulevard** **Campbell, CA 95008** **ZIA G. SIMON, AKA** **ZIA GHATERCHI SIMON, OWNER** **Automotive Repair Dealer No. ARD 217196** **Smog Check Station License No. RC 217196** **ZIA GHATERCHI SIMON, AKA** **ZIA G. SIMON** **2527 South Winchester Boulevard** **Campbell, CA 95008** **Advanced Emission Specialist Technician** **License No. EA 148242** Respondents.	Case No. 79/12-155 **ACCUSATION** **SMOG CHECK**

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

1. John Wallauch ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer Affairs.

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration

2. On a date uncertain in 2001, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 217196 to Zia G. Simon, also known as Zia Ghaterchi Simon

("Respondent"), doing business as VTEC Motor Sports. The automotive repair dealer registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and was due to expire on July 31, 2012; however, the license was suspended on November 28, 2011.

Smog Check Station License

3. On or about January 22, 2004, the Bureau issued Smog Check Station License Number RC 217196 ("station license") to Respondent. The station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and was due to expire on July 31, 2012; however, the station license was cancelled on June 9, 2011.

Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License

On a date uncertain in 2003, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 148242 ("technician license") to Respondent. The technician license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and is due to expire on May 31, 2012; however, the technician license was suspended on October 5, 2011.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Business and Professions Code provides that the suspension/expiration/surrender/cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board/Registrar/Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

5. Section 44002 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

6. Section 44050 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:

> (a) In addition to or in lieu of any other remedy or penalty, including, but not limited to, education, training, or an office conference, the department may issue a citation to a licensee, contractor, or fleet owner for a violation of the requirements of this chapter or a regulation adopted pursuant to this chapter. The citation may contain an order of abatement or the assessment of an administrative fine, or both.
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> (e) Failure to comply with an order of abatement or payment of an administrative fine issued by the department pursuant to this section is grounds for suspension or revocation of the license, or placing the license on probation.

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7. Section 44055 of the Health and Safety Code, subdivision (b) states:

> (b) The department may deny an application for the renewal of a test station or repair station license if the applicant, or any partner, officer, or director thereof, has failed to pay any civil penalty or administrative fine in accordance with this article.

8. Section 44072.6 of the Health and Safety Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.

9. Section 44072.8 of the Health and Safety Code states:

> 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.

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate 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.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Pay Administrative Fine)

11. Respondent has subjected his station license to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44050, subdivision (e), in that on or about May 25, 2011, the Bureau issued Citation No. C2011-1396 to Respondent against his station license for violations of Health and Safety Code section 44012, subdivision (f) (failure to perform a visual/functional check of emission control devices) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, ("Regulation"), section 3340.35, subdivision (c) (issuing a certificate of compliance to a vehicle improperly tested). On June 9, 2011, the Bureau served Respondent with the citation. The Bureau assessed an administrative fine in the amount of $1,000. However, Respondent failed to appeal the citation or pay the administrative fine within thirty (30) days of service of the citation.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Training)

12. Respondent has subjected his technician license to discipline pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44050, subdivision (e), in that on or about May 25, 2011, the Bureau issued Citation No. M2011-1397 to Respondent against his technician license for violations of Health and Safety Code section 44032, (qualified technicians shall perform tests of emission control systems and devices in accordance with section 44012 of that Code) and California Code of Regulations, title 16, ("Regulation") section 3340.30, subdivision (a) (qualified technicians shall inspect, test, and repair vehicles in accordance with sections 44012 and 44035 of the Health and Safety Code, and Regulation section 3340.42). On June 9, 2011, the Bureau served Respondent with the citation, which required Respondent to complete an 8-Hour Training Course. However, Respondent did not appeal the citation within thirty (30) days of service of the citation nor has Respondent completed the required training.

OTHER MATTERS

13. Under Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Station License Number RC 217196, issued to Zia G. Simon, also known as Zia Ghaterchi Simon, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

14. Under Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 148242, issued to Zia Ghaterchi Simon, also known as Zia G. Simon, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter 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 Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Station License Number RC 217196, issued to Zia G. Simon, also known as Zia Ghaterchi Simon, doing business as VTEC Motor Sports;

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2. Revoking or suspending Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 148242, issued to Zia Ghaterchi Simon, also known as Zia G. Simon;

3. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Zia G. Simon, also known as Zia Ghaterchi Simon;

4. Ordering Zia G. Simon, also known as Zia Ghaterchi Simon to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and,

5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 31, 2012

JOHN WALLAUCH
Chief
Bureau of Automotive Repair
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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