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8	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER . FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTI	
. 9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case Number: 79 17 -1195
11	CHEVREM CORPORATION d.b.a TEST ONLY SMOG STATION	ACCUSATION
12	FATIH TEKIN, PRESIDENT/SECRETARY/	
13	TREASURER 3811 San Leandro Street	·
14	Oakland, CA 94601	
15	Mailing address: 121 Diamond Court	
16	Hercules, CA 94547	
	Automotive Repair Dealer No. ARD 220961	
17	Smog Check, Test Only, License No. TC 220961 Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 26524	
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19	ADEM KILIC 4819 Potrero Avenue	
20	Richmond, CA 94804	
21	Mailing address: 3200 California Street	
22	Berkeley, CA 94703	
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23	Smog Check Repair Technician License No. EI 633588, expired 4/30/2017	
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27	Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 633764	
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	Respondents.	
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Complair	nant alleges:	
	<u>PARTIES</u>	
. 1.	Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusati	on solely in his official capacity as
the Chief	of the Bureau of Automotive Repair, Department of	Consumer Affairs.
Au	tomotive Repair Dealer Registration – Responden	t Test Only Smog Station
2.	On or about 2002, the Bureau of Automotive Repa	ir (Bureau) issued Automotive
Repair Do	ealer Registration Number ARD 220961 (Registration	n) to Chevrem Corporation, Fatih
Tekin, Pr	esident/Secretary/Treasurer d.b.a. Test Only Smog St	ation (Respondent Test Only Smo
Station). '	The Registration was in full force and effect at all tim	nes relevant to the charges brought
herein and	d will expire on March 31, 2019, unless renewed.	
Sm	og Check Test Only Station License – Respondent	Test Only Smog Station
3.	On or about June 19, 2012, the Bureau issued Smo	og Check, Test Only, Station
License N	Jumber TC 220961 to Respondent Test Only Smog S	tation. The License was in full
force and	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought her	ein and will expire on March 31,
2019, unl	ess renewed.	•
4.	On or about June 6, 2013, the Bureau issued a STA	AR Certificate to Respondent Test
Only Smo	og Station. The STAR Certificate was in full force ar	nd effect at all times relevant to the
charges b	rought herein and will remain active unless the Autor	motive Repair Dealer registration
and/or Sn	nog Check Station license is revoked, canceled, licen	ses become delinquent or
certificati	on is invalidated	

### **Smog Check Inspector Licenses**

- 5. In 2003, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License
  Number EA 26524 to Fatih Tekin (Respondent Tekin). The Advanced Emission Specialist
  Technician License was due to expire on January 30, 2014, however, was cancelled on January
  30, 2014. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e),
  the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License
  Number EO 26524, effective January 30, 2014. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full
  force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31,
  2020, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about September 8, 2011, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 633588 to Adem Kilic (Respondent Kilic). The Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License expired on April 30, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 633588, effective April 30, 2013 and as Smog Check Repair Technician License Number EI 633588, effective November 7, 2013. The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2019, unless renewed and the Smog Check Repair Technician License expired on April 30, 2017, and has not been renewed.
- 7. On or about October 31, 2011, the Bureau issued Advanced Emission Specialist
  Technician License Number EA 633764 to Eren Karadeli (Respondent Karadeli). The Advanced
  Emission Specialist Technician License expired on Sepetmber 30, 2013 and was cancelled on
  October 16, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28,
  subdivision (e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent's election, as Smog Check
  Inspector License Number EO 633764; effective October 16, 2013. The Smog Check Inspector

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, 3340.28, 3340.29 and 3340.30 were amended to implement a license restructure from the Advanced Emission Specialist Technician (EA) license and Basic Area (EB) Technician license to Smog Check Inspector (EO) license and and/or Smog Check Repair Technician (EI) license.

License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein; it expired on September 30, 2017, and has not been renewed.

- 8. On or about May 8, 2014, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 636862 to Anthony Michael Vasquez (Respondent Vasquez). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein; it expired on March 31, 2018, and has not been renewed.
  - 9. "Respondents" shall refer to Respondents Kilic, Karadeli, and Vasquez collectively.

### **JURISDICTION**

- 10. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws.
- 11. Business and Professions Code (Code) section 118, subdivision(b) states that "the suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."
- 12. Code section **9884.13** provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the director or chief of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision invalidating a registration temporarily or permanently.

### STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 13. Section 9884.7 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration of an automotive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive

technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.

(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 by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.

(4) Any other conduct that constitutes fraud.

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- (6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may suspend, revoke, or place on probation the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
- 14. 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.
  - 15. Section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, in pertinent part, states:

"The test at the smog check stations shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department, pursuant to Section 44013, shall require, at a minimum, loaded mode dynamometer testing in enhanced areas, and two-speed testing in all other program areas, and shall ensure all of the following:

"(f) A visual or functional check is made of emission control devices specified by the department, including the catalytic converter in those instances in which the department determines it to be necessary to meet the findings of Section 44001. The visual or functional check shall be performed in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

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- 16. Section **44015** of the Health and Safety Code, subdivision (b) provides that if a vehicle meets the requirements of Section 44012, a smog check station licensed to issue certificates shall issue a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance.
- 17. Section **44032** of the Health and Safety Code, provides that no person shall perform, for compensation, tests or repairs of emission control devices or systems of motor vehicles required by this chapter unless the person performing the test or repair is a qualified smog check technician and the test or repair is performed at a licensed smog check station. Qualified technicians shall perform tests of emission control devices and systems in accordance with Section 44012.
  - 18. Section 44059 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:

"The willful making of any false statement or entry with regard to a material matter in any oath, affidavit, certificate of compliance or noncompliance, or application form which is required by this chapter or Chapter 20.3 (commencing with Section 9880) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, constitutes perjury and is punishable as provided in the Penal Code."

19. Section 44072.2 of the Health and Safety Code states, in pertinent part:

"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:

- "(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.
  - "(c) Violates any of the regulations adopted by the director pursuant to this chapter.
  - "(d) Commits any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit whereby another is injured.
- "(h) Violates or attempts to violate the provisions of this chapter relating to the particular activity for which he or she is licensed."

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20. 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.

### 21. 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."

- 22. Section 44072.10, subdivision (c) of the Health and Safety Code states:
- "(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 piping, as defined by the department. . ."
  - 23. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.24, subdivision (c) states:
- "(c) The bureau may suspend or revoke the license of or pursue other legal action against a licensee, if the licensee falsely or fraudulently issues or obtains a certificate of compliance or a certificate of noncompliance."
  - 24. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.30, subdivision (a) states:

"A licensed smog check inspector and/or repair technician shall comply with the following requirements at all times while licensed:

- "(a) Inspect, test and repair vehicles, as applicable, in accordance with section 44012 of the Health and Safety Code, section 44035 of the Health and Safety Code, and section 3340.42 of this article."
  - 25. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.35, subdivision (c) states:
- "(c) A licensed station shall issue a certificate of compliance or noncompliance to the owner or operator of any vehicle that has been inspected in accordance with the procedures

- (2) Smog Check Manual, dated 2013, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This manual shall become effective on or after January 1, 2013.
  - 29. 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(e) of this chapter, withhold thereform 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."

### **COSTS**

30. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the 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, with failure of the licentiate 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 SUMMARY

- 31. California's Smog Check Program requires the owners of most motor vehicles in California to take and pass a Smog Check inspection and receive a Certificate of Compliance every two years when renewing their registration and also when the vehicle's title is transferred. These inspections are performed by Smog Check inspectors at Smog Check Stations, both of which are licensed by the Bureau.
- 32. The Smog Check inspection in certain Enhanced areas of the state is an Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) test performed using an Emission Inspection System (EIS), also known as a BAR 97. This is a computer based five-gas analyzer that measures hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and oxygen. The inspection involves a test of the vehicle's tailpipe emissions on a dynamometer. In Basic areas of the state, or depending on a vehicle's configuration (all-wheel drive, traction control issue), a similar test called a Two Speed

Idle (TSI) test is performed, but instead of applying a load to the vehicle's drive wheels with a dynamometer, the EIS measures the emissions at idle as well as 2500 revolutions per minute (RPM).

- 33. The inspector also performs visual and functional tests on the vehicle as outlined in the Smog Check Manual. The visual inspection of the emission control components verifies the required emission control devices are present and properly connected. Functional tests are also performed which, depending on the vehicle, may include checking the ignition timing, malfunction indicator light (MIL), Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) system, a low pressure test of the evaporative emissions controls (LPFET), a visible smoke test, and a pressure test of the gas cap.
- 34. On March 9, 2015, the Bureau implemented a statewide regulatory change requiring the use of the On Board Diagnostic Inspection System (BAR-OIS) instead of the Emission Inspection System (EIS) for the smog testing of 2000 model year and newer gas powered and 1998 and newer diesel vehicles. Most older vehicles require the ASM or TSI test on the EIS.
- 35. The new BAR-OIS smog inspection uses a Data Acquisition Device (DAD), a computer, a bar code scanner, and printer. The DAD is a scan tool that retrieves data from a vehicle's On Board Diagnostic-generation II (OBD II) computer. The DAD connects the BAR OIS computer to the vehicle's diagnostic link connector (DLC) to retrieve the data from the vehicle. The bar code scanner is used to input technician information, the vehicle identification number (VIN), and DMV renewal information. The printer is used to print Vehicle Inspection Reports.
- 36. Data retrieved and recorded during a BAR-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's 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.
- 37. As part of the BAR-OIS smog inspections, the technician also performs a visual and functional test on the vehicle being inspected. The visual inspection of the emission control

components verifies the required emission control devices are present and properly connected and a functional test is performed of the malfunction indicator light (MIL). The BAR-OIS software makes the determination whether or not the vehicle passes the inspection based on the results of the OBD, visual and functional tests. If the vehicle passes the inspection a certificate of compliance is issued. The information from the smog inspection is then transmitted to the Vehicle Information Data (VID).

- 38. The Bureau can 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.
- 39. The Bureau has become aware of methods some Smog Check stations and Smog Check inspectors use to fraudulently issue smog certificates to vehicles that will not pass a Smog Check test on their own, or in some instances, are not even present during the time the test is performed.
- 40. One method is known as "clean plugging." Clean plugging is the act of using one vehicle's properly functioning OBDII system, or another source, to generate passing data readings or diagnostic information for the purpose or fraudulently issue a smog certificate of compliance to a vehicle that is not in smog compliance and/or not present for testing. The vehicle being tested is not the one being issued the certificate of compliance.
- 41. The Bureau initiated an investigation of Respondent Test Only Smog Station.

  Beginning on or about December 17, 2015 and continuing until about February 15, 2017

  Respondents<sup>2</sup> were found to have performed nine fraudulent smog inspections using clean-plugging methods. Clean-plugging is the practice of testing one OBD II system (a system that would pass the smog inspection), for the purpose of fraudulently issuing a smog certificate of compliance to another vehicle that would not pass the smog inspection and/or is not present for testing. The vehicle receiving the certificate of compliance is not actually tested during the smog inspection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Respondents Kilic, Karadeli, and Vasquez performed the smog tests on behalf of Respondent Test Only Smog Station.

42. A Bureau representative reviewed data for nine clean plugged vehicles inspected by Respondents Kilic, Karadeli, and Vasquez and certified by Respondent Test Only Smog Station. The data revealed that the nine vehicles that were purportedly tested by Respondents were not and could not have been connected to the DAD when they were being certified because the OBD-II data purportedly transmitted by those vehicles could not have been transmitted by those vehicles.

- 43. Respondents clean plugged and issued fraudulent certificates of compliance to the following nine vehicles:
- a) Clean Plug# 1 2005 BMW 745LI, VIN: WBAGN63525DS57829, CA license number 6NQS946, performed by Respondent Karadeli on December 17, 2015:

Certificate # YV349564C	eVIN	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (12/17/2015)	WBAVC535X8FZ84720	ICAN11bt5	46/11
Expected OBDII Value	WBAGN63525DS57829	KWPF	22/1,22/7, or 23/7

b) Clean Plug #2 – 2008 Honda CR-V LX, VIN: JHLRE38398C008586, CA license number 6DFC465, performed by Respondent Kilic on December 23, 2015:

Certificate # YV349587C	eVIN	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (12/23/2015)	1HGCM56465A178359	1914	21
Expected OBDII Value	JHLRE38398C008586	ICAN29bt5	39/19

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Clean Plug #3 - 2005 Pontiac GTO, VIN: 6G2VX12U05L378114, CA license c) 1 number HYPOGTO, performed by Respondent Vasquez on January 17, 2017: 2 3 Certificate # ėVIN Protocol PID count ZN568874C 4. Fraudulent 1GCEC14V33Z187307 JVPW 22 5 Passing Inspection (01/17/2017)6 Expected 6G2VX12U05L378114 ICAN11bt5 43 or 43/7 7 OBDII Value 8 d) Clean Plug #4 – 2005 Ford Explorer XLS, VIN:1FMZU62E65ZA23918, CA . 9 license number 5NPA256, performed by Respondent Vasquez on February 4, 2017: 10 11 Certificate # eVIN Protocol PID count ZP249565C 12 Fraudulent 1GNES13H872219219 ICAN11bt5 43/7 Passing 13 Inspection (02/04/2017)14 Expected 1FMZU62E65ZA23918 ICAN11bt5 47 15 OBDII Value 16 Clean Plug #5 – 2002 Jaguar X-Type, VIN:SAJEA53D22XC11309, performed by 17 18 Respondent Vasquez on February 8, 2017: 19 Certificate # eVIN Protocol PID count ZP249580C 20 Fraudulent 3G5DB03E15S546736 JVPW 19 Passing 21 Inspection (02/08/2017)22 Expected SAJEA53D22XC11309 I914 24 or 25 OBDII Value 23 24 111 25 111 26 111 27 I/I28

Certificate # ZP249589C	eVIN .	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (02/10/2017)	Not Reported	19140808	16
Expected OBDII Value	5TDBT44A36S264278	ICAN11bt5	47 .

g) Clean Plug #7 – 2006 Pontiac GTO, VIN:6G2VX12U46L832379, CA license number 7NDG378, performed by Respondent Vasquez on February 10, 2017:

Certificate # ZP249595C	eVIN	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (02/10/2017)	19XFA1F81AE069122	ICAN29bt5	39/19
Expected OBDII Value	6G2VX12U46L832379	ICAN11bt5	43, or 43/7

h) Clean Plug #8 – 2006 Dodge Durango, VIN: 1D4HD48246F128352, CA license number 7JFE843, performed by Respondent Vasquez on February 13, 2017:

Certificate # ZP532005C	eVIN .	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (02/13/2017)	WBXPA93465WD23557	Ĭ914	22/4
Expected OBDII Value	1D4HD48246F128352	ICAN11bt5	43/8,43/8/15, or 44/8

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i) Clean Plug #9 – 2000 Nissan Maxima GLE, VIN: JN1CA31A3YT025684, CA license number 7CIB662, performed by Respondent Vasquez on February 15, 2017:

Certificate # ZP532011C	eVIN	Protocol	PID count
Fraudulent Passing Inspection (02/15/2017)	JM3ER29LX80175833	ICAN11bt5	39/15
Expected OBDII Value	Not Reported	I914	20 or 22

### <u>FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE</u> (Misleading Statements - Registration)

44. Respondent Test Only Smog Station has subjected its registration to discipline under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that it made statements which it knew or which by exercise of reasonable care it should have known were untrue or misleading, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, above. Respondents fraudulently purported to test the nine vehicles, and certified that the nine vehicles passed inspection and were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, Respondents conducted the inspections on those vehicles using clean-plugging methods.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Fraud - Registration)

45. Respondent Test Only Smog Station has subjected its registration to discipline under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed acts which constitute fraud, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, above.

## THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Failure to Comply with the Provisions of the Automotive Repair Act)

46. Respondent Test Only Smog Station has subjected its registration to discipline under Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that it failed in a material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, above

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### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violation of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program - Smog Check Station License)

- 47. Respondent Test Only Smog Station has subjected its station license to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivisions (a) and (c), in that it violated sections of that Code and applicable regulations, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, as follows:
- a. **Section 44012**: Respondent Test Only Smog Station failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. **Section 44012, subdivision (f)**: Respondent Test Only Smog Station failed to perform a visual or functional check of emission control devices on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. Section 44015, subdivision (b): Respondent Test Only Smog Station issued electronic smog certificates of compliance but failed to ensure that the vehicles were properly tested and inspected to determine if the emission control tests performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- d. Section 44059: Respondent Test Only Smog Station willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.
- e. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent Test Only Smog Station failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- f. Section 3340.42, subdivision (b)(2): Respondent Test Only Smog Station failed to conduct a functional inspection of emission control systems for vehicles as specified in the Smog Check Manual, referenced by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.45.
- g. Section 3340.45, subdivision (a)(2): Respondent Test Only Smog Station failed to conduct the required smog tests and inspections on those vehicles in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

h. **Section 3373**: Respondent Test Only Smog Station created a false or misleading work order by issuing the fraudulent certificates of compliance for the nine vehicles.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISICPLINE (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit – Smog Station License)

48. Respondent Test Only Smog Station subjected its station license to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that it committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit, whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for 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, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, above.

### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program: Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Technician Licenses - Kilic)

- 49. Respondent Kilic has subjected his Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Technician licenses to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivisions (a) and (c), in that he violated sections of that Code and applicable regulations, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, as follows:
- a. **Section 44012**: Respondent Kilic failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. Section 44012, subdivision (f): Respondent Kilic failed to perform a visual or functional check of emission control devices on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. **Section 44032**: Respondent Kilic failed to perform tests of emission control devices and systems on those vehicles in accordance with Section 44012.
- d. **Section 44059**: Respondent Kilic willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.

- e. **Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)**: Respondent Kilic failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012 and California Code of Regulations title 16, section 3340.42.
- f. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent Kilic entered vehicle identification information for a vehicle other than the one being tested into the emissions inspection system. Respondent Kilic knowingly entered false information about the vehicle being tested into the emissions inspection system.
- g. Section 3340.42, subdivision (b)(2): Respondent Kilic failed to conduct a functional inspection of emission control systems for vehicles as specified in the Smog Check Manual, referenced by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.45.
- h. Section 3340.45, subdivision(a)(2): Respondent Kilic failed to perform smog check inspections in accordance with requirements and procedures prescribed in the Smog Check Inspection Manual.

# SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit – Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Technician Licenses)

50. Respondent Kilic subjected his Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Technician Licenses to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit, whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for 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, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43.

### EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program: Smog Check Inspector License - Karadeli)

51. Respondent Karadeli has subjected his Smog Check Inspector license to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivisions (a) and (c), in that he violated sections of that Code and applicable regulations, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, as follows:

- a. **Section 44012**: Respondent Karadeli failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. **Section 44012, subdivision (f)**: Respondent Karadeli failed to perform a visual or functional check of emission control devices on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. **Section 44032**: Respondent Karadeli failed to perform tests of emission control devices and systems on those vehicles in accordance with Section 44012.
- d. Section 44059: Respondent Karadeli willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.
- d. **Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)**: Respondent Karadeli failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012 and California Code of Regulations title 16, section 3340.42.
- e. **Section 3340.41, subdivision (c)**: Respondent Karadeli entered vehicle identification information for a vehicle other than the one being tested into the emissions inspection system. Respondent Karadeli knowingly entered false information about the vehicle being tested into the emissions inspection system.
- f. Section 3340.42, subdivision (b)(2): Respondent Karadeli failed to conduct a functional inspection of emission control systems for vehicles as specified in the Smog Check Manual, referenced by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.45.
- f. Section 3340.45, subdivision (a)(2): Respondent Karadeli failed to perform smog check inspections in accordance with requirements and procedures prescribed in the Smog Check Inspection Manual.

## NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit – Smog Check Inspector License)

52. Respondent Karadeli subjected his Smog Check Inspector License to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit, whereby another was injured by issuing electronic

certificates of compliance for 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, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program: Smog Check Inspector License - Vasquez)

- 53. Respondent Vasquez has subjected his Smog Check Inspector license to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivisions (a) and (c), in that he violated sections of that Code and applicable regulations, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43, as follows:
- a. **Section 44012**: Respondent Vasquez failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. **Section 44012, subdivision (f)**: Respondent Vasquez failed to perform a visual or functional check of emission control devices on those vehicles in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- c. **Section 44032**: Respondent Vasquez failed to perform tests of emission control devices and systems on those vehicles in accordance with Section 44012.
- d. **Section 44059**: Respondent Vasquez willfully made false entries for the electronic certificates of compliance by certifying that those vehicles had been inspected as required when, in fact, they had not.
- e. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent Vasquez failed to inspect and test those vehicles in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012 and California Code of Regulations title 16, section 3340.42.
- f. Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent Vasquez entered vehicle identification information for a vehicle other than the one being tested into the emissions inspection system.

  Respondent Vasquez knowingly entered false information about the vehicle being tested into the emissions inspection system.

- g. Section 3340.42, subdivision (b)(2): Respondent Vasquez failed to conduct a functional inspection of emission control systems for vehicles as specified in the Smog Check Manual, referenced by California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.45.
- h. Section 3340.45, subdivision(a)(2): Respondent Vasquez failed to perform smog check inspections in accordance with requirements and procedures prescribed in the Smog Check Inspection Manual.

## ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit – Smog Check Inspector License)

54. Respondent Vasquez subjected his Smog Check Inspector License to discipline under Health and Safety Code sections 44072.10 and 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that he committed acts involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit, whereby another was injured by issuing electronic certificates of compliance for 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, as set forth above in paragraphs 41-43.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

- 55. Pursuant to 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 Test Only Smog Station, upon a finding that Respondent Test Only Smog Station has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 56. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Respondent Test Only Smog Station's Station License is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 57. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Respondent Kilic's Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Technician Licenses are revoked or suspended, any

additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

- 58. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Respondent Karadeli's Smog Check Inspector License is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 59. Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 44072.8, if Respondent Vasquez's Smog Check Inspector License is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

### **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 60. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Test Only Smog Station, Complainant alleges that on or about June 27, 2003, in a prior action, an accusation was filed on Gurnur International Corporation and its President, Fatih Tekin, d.b.a. GIC Smog Station for causing the issuance of 13 fraudulent Smog Check Inspection Certificates of Compliance to be issued. The business name for GIC Smog Station was changed to Walnut Creek Star Smog and ownership of the facility is under Chevrem Corporation with Fatih Tekin as President. On December 6, 2004, the Department of Consumer Affairs adopted a decision in the matter of Accusation 79/04-00 which revoked GIC Smog Station's Smog Check Station licenses and Automotive Repair Dealer registrations. However, the revocations were stayed and the stations were placed on three years probation.
- 61. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Test Only Smog Station, Complainant alleges that on or about September 15, 2008, in a prior action, an accusation was filed on Chevrem Corporation and its President, Fatih Tekin, d.b.a. Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station, Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station 2, Clear Blue Test Only Station 3, Test Only Smog Station II, and GIC Smog Station for causing the issuance of 13 fraudulent Smog Check Inspection Certificates of Compliance to be issued. On April 6, 2009, the Department of Consumer Affairs adopted a decision in the matter of Accusation 79/09-21 which revoked all

Smog Check Station licenses and Automotive Repair Dealer registrations for each facility.

However, the revocations were stayed and the stations were placed on five years probation. In addition, each station was suspended anywhere from 5 to 45 days.

- 62. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Test Only Smog Station, Complainant alleges that on or about February 18, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number C2016-0498 and ordered Respondent to cease and desist from violating Health and Safety Code section 44012 in that he issued a certificate of compliance to a vehicle using the BAR97 procedure when an OBD Inspection System was required. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 63. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Kilic, Complainant alleges that on or about February 18, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2016-0499 and ordered Respondent to cease and desist from violating Health and Safety Code section 44012 in that he issued a certificate of compliance to a vehicle using the BAR97 procedure when an OBD Inspection System was required. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 64. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Kilic, Complainant alleges that on or about May 9, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2016-0976 and ordered Respondent to complete a 28 hour BAR certified retraining course and pay a \$500.00 penalty. The citation was based on Respondent's issuance of a certificate of compliance to a Bureau undercover vehicle with non-approved long tube exhaust headers and aftermarket catalytic converters. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 65. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Vasquez, Complainant alleges that on or about February 26, 2016, in a prior action, the Bureau issued Citation Number M2016-0584 and ordered Respondent to cease and desist from violating Health and Safety Code section 44012 in that he issued a certificate of compliance to a vehicle using the BAR97 procedure when an OBD Inspection System was required. That Citation is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.

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### **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 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 220961, issued to Chevrem Corporation, Fatih Tekin, President, doing business as Test Only Smog Station;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Test Only Station License Number TC 220961, issued to Chevrem Corporation, Fatih Tekin, President, doing business as Test Only Smog Station;
- 3. Revoking or suspending any additional Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check Station License, Smog Check Inspector License, or Smog Check Repair Technician license, issued to Chevrem Corporation, Fatih Tekin, President;
- 4. Ordering Chevrem Corporation, Fatih Tekin, President 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;
- 5. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License EO 26524 issued to Fatih Tekin;
- 6. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Fatih Tekin;
- 7. Ordering Fatih Tekin 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;
- 8. Revoking or suspending Smog Check Inspector License EO 633588 and Smog Check Repair Technician License EI 633588 issued to Adem Kilic;
- 9. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5, Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of Adem Kilic;

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