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| 12 | In the Matter of the Accusation Against: | Case No. 79/24-20768 |
| 13 | MARTIN GONZALEZ LOPEZ DBA COMPADRES SMOG | ACCUSATION |
| 14 | 17410 Foothill Boulevard, Unit D Fontana, CA 92335 | |
| 15 | Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. | |
| 16 | ARD 285096 Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 285096 | |
| 17 18 | MARK YOUSIF 1062 Mirada Drive Perris, CA 92571 | |
| 19 20 | Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 632145 | |
| 21 | Respondents. | |
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| 23 | <u>PARTIES</u> | |
| 24 | 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as | |
| 25 | the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), Department of Consumer Affairs. | |
| 26 | 2. On or about October 17, 2016, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer | |
| 27 | Registration Number ARD 285096 to Martin Gonzalez Lopez, dba Compadres Smog | |
| 28 | (Respondent Lopez). The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at | |
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all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2025, unless renewed.

- 3. On or about October 31, 2016, the Bureau issued Smog Check Test Only Station License Number TC 285096 to Respondent Lopez. 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 October 31, 2025, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about July 1, 2020, the Bureau issued STAR Station certification to Respondent Lopez, and the STAR Station certification will remain active unless the Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and/or Smog Check License is revoked, or cancelled, or the licenses become delinquent, or the certification is suspended.
- 5. On or about July 24, 2012, the Bureau first issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 632145 to Mark Yousif (Respondent Yousif). The Smog Check Inspector License will expire on July 31, 2026, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 6. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 7. Code section 118, subdivision (b), provides that suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 8. Code section 9884.7 provides that the Director may revoke an Automotive Repair Dealer Registration.
- 9. Code section 9884.13 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a valid registration shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision temporarily or permanently invalidating (suspending or revoking) a registration.

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authorized by the Bureau into the EIS or OIS, nor in any way tamper with the EIS or OIS.

- (c) No person shall enter any vehicle identification information or emission control system identification data for any vehicle other than the one being tested into the EIS or OIS. Nor shall any person enter into the EIS or OIS any false information about the vehicle being tested
- 24. Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3340.42, sets forth specific emissions test methods and procedures which apply to all vehicles inspected in the State of California.

COST RECOVERY

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

CALIFORNIA'S SMOG CHECK PROGRAM

- 26. California's Smog Check Program requires most vehicles in the State to undergo a smog check inspection every two years or when the vehicle's title is transferred.
- 27. A 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 (HC), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Carbon Dioxide (CO²) and Oxygen (O²). The first part of the test is a loaded mode test of the vehicle's tailpipe emissions on a dynamometer. The vehicle's drive wheels are placed on rollers, and the vehicle is driven to simulate driving conditions while the emissions are sampled by the EIS.
- 28. In Basic areas of the State, or depending on a vehicle's configuration, a similar test called a Two Speed Idle test is performed, but instead of applying a load to the vehicle's drive wheels with a dynamometer, the EIS measures the emissions of HC, CO, O², and CO² at idle as well as 2500 revolutions per minute (rpm).

- 29. In the visual portion of a smog check, the technician inspects the emission control components to verify that the required emission control devices are present and properly connected.
- 30. An On-Board Diagnostics (OBD II) functional test is also performed on most 1996 to 1999 model year vehicles. The EIS retrieves information through the Diagnostic Link Connector (DLC) from the vehicle's on-board computer about its ability to communicate, the status of the I/M readiness monitors and the MIL light command. The I/M readiness monitors tell whether or not the OBD II system has run a sufficient number of self-tests on the vehicle's emission and engine control systems. A failure of one or more of the OBD II functional criteria, depending on model year, will result in the vehicle failing its smog check inspection. In addition to reporting the outcome of the OBD II functional test, the smog check inspection results also show Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC) if there are any in the vehicle's on-board computer memory.
- 31. The inspector enters the results of the visual and functional inspections into the EIS. The EIS unit makes the determination whether or not the vehicle passes the inspection based on the results of the tailpipe, visual, and functional tests.
- 32. The EIS is connected by internet connection to Bureau's Vehicle Information

 Database (VID). If the vehicle passes the visual, functional and tailpipe tests, it passes the overall inspection. A Certificate of Compliance is issued and transmitted electronically to the VID.

 Additionally, all data gathered during a Smog Check inspection, regardless of the type of inspection, is transmitted to and retained in the VID.
- 33. Beginning March 9, 2015, California's Smog Check Program was updated to require the use of an On-Board Diagnostic Inspection System (BAR-OIS). BAR-OIS is the smog check equipment required in all areas of the State when inspecting most model-year 2000 and newer gasoline and hybrid vehicles. The system consists of a certified Data Acquisition Device (OIS DAD), computer, bar code scanner, and printer. The DAD is an OBD scan tool that, when requested by the BAR-OIS software, retrieves OBD data from the vehicle. All OBD data that the vehicle indicates it supports is requested by the BAR-OIS software and will be retrieved. The DAD connects between the BAR-OIS computer and the vehicle's DLC. The bar code scanner is

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used to input inspector information, the vehicle identification number (VIN), and Department of Motor Vehicles 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.

- 34. 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 zero percent at idle and near or up to 100-percent 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: zero kpa being absolute vacuum, 25 to 45 kpa 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).
- Ignition timing is set by the vehicle PCM based on engine speed and load, and is measured in degrees Before Top Dead Center (BTDC).
- 35. Not all vehicles include both MAP and MAF parameters. Many vehicles will have either MAP or MAF parameters separately.
- 36. 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 zero percent. The MAP and/or MAF readings are also steady. For the engine speed to increase, the throttle would have to be opened in order to increase airflow through the engine. The engine's management systems supply fuel and spark timing appropriate to any changes in throttle position and engine speed.

- 37. An increase in throttle, measured by the TPS, which increases engine RPM, would result in a corresponding increase in MAF as well as a change in MAP. Any movement in the throttle from the idle position will result in an increase of airflow through the engine with corresponding increases RPM and MAF along with changes in MAP.
- 38. During an OIS Smog Check inspection, along with other visual and functional inspections, there is an OBD II query portion of the inspection. The OBD II query is performed with the engine idling and, when requested by the OIS analyzer, and an elevated or increased engine speed. The increase in engine speed is performed by the inspector by stepping on the throttle pedal or manually opening the throttle resulting in a corresponding increase in engine RPMs by allowing an increase in airflow into the engine.
- 39. Beginning May 1, 2023, Smog Check Inspectors must use a biometric palm scanner instead of a password login for the BAR On-Board Diagnostics Inspection System (BAR-OIS).
- 40. The Bureau is 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. These methods are known as "clean piping", "clean plugging", and "clean gassing". "Clean plugging" is a method by which another vehicle's properly functioning OBD II system, or another source such as defeat devices, are used to generate passing data readings or diagnostic information for the purpose of fraudulently issuing smog certificates to vehicles that are not in smog compliance and or not present for testing.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

41. On or about April 16, 2025, a Bureau Representative completed a detailed review of the VID data for Smog Check inspections performed at Compadres Smog which showed a pattern of vehicles being certified with engine operating parameters that did not correspond to normal engine operation, confirming the vehicles receiving smog certifications were not tested during the OBD II functional test, which constitutes clean plugging. The Bureau Representative's review of the smog check activities at Compadres Smog confirmed ten (10) Smog Check Certificates of Compliance were fraudulently issued by Compadres Smog to vehicles

that were inspected by Respondent Yousif.

Fraudulent Inspection Number One - 2002 Mitsubishi Lancer

- 42. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on October 29, 2023, a 2002 Mitsubishi Lancer ES, CA license 6SRK481, VIN JA3AJ26E52U019203 (2002 Lancer), was tested and issued smog check certificate # TO512751C, under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 43. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2002 Lancer showed that between time stamp 844 and 20599 engine speed was steady at approximately 725 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 0-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 3.23 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 10 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 20599 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2150 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 0-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 3.23 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was also still fixed at the same 10 degrees BTDC.
- 44. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 Lancer during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Tests: 2002 Lancer

- 45. According to Bureau records, the 2002 Lancer had previously failed two tests.
- 46. Respondent Yousif performed the most recent previous failing test at Compadres Smog on October 15, 2023. The 2002 Lancer failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBDII DTC P0507. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed that the expected change in the throttle, MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

47. The earlier failing test was performed at another station on September 14, 2023. The 2002 Lancer failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBDII DTC P0401. No dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the September 14 test.

Fraudulent Inspection Number Two – 2003 Toyota Corolla

- 48. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on December 10, 2023, a 2003 Toyota Corolla CE, CA license 5KPP984, VIN JTDBR32E030008418 (2003 Corolla), was tested and issued smog check certificate # IX836466C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 49. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2003 Corolla showed that between time stamp 859 and 22338 engine speed was steady at approximately 750 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 12.5-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 1.71 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 13 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 22338 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1950 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 12.5-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 1.71 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was also still fixed at the same 13 degrees BTDC.
- 50. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2003 Corolla during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Test: 2003 Corolla

51. A previous failing test was performed on the 2003 Corolla at another station on July 30, 2023. The 2003 Corolla failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed the expected change in the throttle,

MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

Fraudulent Inspection Number Three – 2001 Chevrolet Silverado

- 52. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on December 10, 2023, a 2001 Chevrolet Silverado C1500, CA license 6P70099, VIN 2GCEC19V211314949 (2001 Silverado), was tested and issued smog check certificate # IX836469C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 53. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2001 Silverado showed that between time stamp 352 and 19202 engine speed was steady at approximately 800 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 0-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 7.41 gps, MAP was fixed at 33 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 17.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 19202 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1675 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 0-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 7.41 gps, MAP was fixed at the same 33 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 17.5 degrees BTDC.
- 54. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2001 Silverado during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Test: 2001 Silverado

55. A previous failing test was performed on the 2001 Silverado at another station on April 10, 2023. The 2001 Silverado failed the test for an illuminated MIL, and confirmed OBDII DTC's P0135, P0430, and P1415. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the previous failing test showed the expected change in the throttle, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

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Fraudulent Inspection Four – 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe

- 56. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on December 10, 2023, a 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe C1500, CA license 5LOH215, VIN 1GNEC13ZX6R106562 (2006 Tahoe), was tested and issued smog check certificate # IX836472C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 57. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2006 Tahoe showed that between time stamp 339 and 19441 engine speed remained steady at approximately 700 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 10.2-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 4.72 gps, MAP was fixed at 32 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 23.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 19441 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1775 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 10.2-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 4.72 gps, MAP was fixed at the same 32 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 23.5 degrees BTDC.
- 58. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2006 Tahoe during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Test: 2006 Tahoe

59. A previous failing test was performed on the 2006 Tahoe at another station on January 2, 2023. The 2006 Tahoe failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBDII DTC P0463. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed that the expected change in the throttle, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

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Fraudulent Inspection Number Six – 2000 Toyota Camry

- 64. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on January 7, 2024, a 2000 Toyota Camry CE, CA license 4KRF478, VIN JT2BG22K3Y0433217 (2000 Camry), was tested and issued smog check certificate # TQ615337C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 65. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2000 Camry showed that between time stamp 850 and 22377 engine speed was steady at approximately 550 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 12.2-percent opening, MAP was fixed at 31 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 7.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 22377 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2000 RPM, before decelerating to approximately 1625 RPM, then accelerating to approximately 2125 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle remained fixed at the same 12.2-percent opening, MAP was fixed at the same 31 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 7.5 degrees BTDC.
- 66. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Camry during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Test: 2000 Camry

67. A previous failing test was performed on the 2000 Camry at another station on December 7, 2023. The 2000 Camry failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No OBDII Dynamic PID data was collected during the test.

Fraudulent Inspection Number Seven – 2004 GMC Yukon

68. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on January 14, 2024, a 2004 GMC Yukon XL C1500, CA license 5VIL932, VIN 3GKEC16T54G182725 (2004 Yukon), was tested

and issued smog check certificate # TQ818368C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.

- 69. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2004 Yukon showed that between time stamp 370 and 20507 engine speed was steady at approximately 650 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 14.5-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 5.37 gps, MAP was fixed at 34 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 16.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 20507 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1950 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 14.5-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 5.37 gps, MAP was fixed at the same 34 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 16.5 degrees BTDC.
- 70. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed was increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Yukon during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Test: 2004 Yukon

71. A previous failing test was performed by Respondent Yousif at Compadres Smog on January 13, 2024. The 2004 Yukon failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed the expected change in the throttle, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters as characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

Fraudulent Inspection Number Eight – 2005 Chevrolet Silverado

72. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on January 14, 2024, a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado C1500, CA license DP782SY, VIN 2GCEC13T151222096 (2005 Silverado), was tested and issued smog check certificate # TQ818371C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.

- 73. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2005 Silverado showed that between time stamp 331 and 17585 engine speed was steady at approximately 550 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 19.2-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 5.97 gps, MAP was fixed at 37 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 19 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 17585 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 1800 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increases off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle is fixed at the same 19.2-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 5.97 gps, MAP was fixed at the same 37 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 19 degrees BTDC.
- 74. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Silverado during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Tests: 2005 Silverado

- 75. According to Bureau records, the 2005 Silverado had previously failed two tests.
- 76. The most recent previous failing test was performed by Respondent Yousif at Compadres Smog on January 11, 2024. The 2005 Silverado failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBDII DTC P0480. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed the expected change in the throttle, MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters that were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.
- 77. The earlier failing test was performed at another station on January 10, 2024. The 2005 Silverado failed the test for an illuminated MIL and confirmed OBDII DTCs P0420 and P0480. No dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the January 10 test.

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Fraudulent Inspection Number Nine – 2000 Honda Prelude

- 78. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on January 28, 2024, a 2000 Honda Prelude, CA license 8JYZ314, VIN JHMBB6245YC004074 (2000 Prelude), was tested and issued smog check certificate # TS243611C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 79. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2000 Prelude showed that between time stamp 847 and 18035 engine speed was steady at approximately 550 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 9.8-percent opening, MAP was fixed at 95 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 0 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 18035 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2150 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 9.8-percent opening, MAP was fixed at the same 95 kPa, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 0 degrees BTDC.
- 80. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAP, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Prelude during the certification process, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

Previous Failing Tests: 2000 Prelude

- 81. According to Bureau records, the 2000 Prelude had previously failed three tests.
- 82. The most recent previous failing test was performed by Respondent Yousif at Compadres Smog on January 14, 2024. The 2000 Prelude failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The vehicle also had a pending OBDII DTC P0136 and P0401. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed the expected change in the throttle, MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters that were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

- 83. The earlier failing test was performed at another station earlier in the day on January 14, 2024. The 2000 Prelude failed the test for an incomplete OBDII readiness monitor. No dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the test.
- 84. The earliest failing test was performed at another station on December 11, 2023. The 2000 Prelude failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test showed the expected change in the throttle, MAP, and ignition timing advance parameters that were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.

Fraudulent Inspection Number Ten – 2002 Toyota Sienna

- 85. OIS Test Data for Compadres Smog indicated that on February 12, 2024, a 2002 Toyota Sienna CE, CA license 4VLN786, VIN 4T3ZF19C92U452360 (2002 Sienna), was tested and issued smog check certificate # TS460097C under Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License.
- 86. The Dynamic OBD Data and Dynamic Data Charts for the 2002 Sienna showed between time stamp 841 and 19747 engine speed was steady at approximately 775 RPM. During that time the throttle was fixed at 10.6-percent opening, MAF was fixed at 2.9 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder was fixed at 15.5 degrees BTDC. After time stamp 19747 the engine speed accelerated to approximately 2075 RPM. From the time the engine RPM increased off idle to the higher RPMs, the throttle was fixed at the same 10.6-percent opening, MAF was fixed at the same 2.9 gps, and the ignition timing advance for #1 cylinder also remained fixed at the same 15.5 degrees BTDC.
- 87. During the entire period the dynamic data was collected, the only parameter that changed was engine RPM. The throttle position, MAF, and ignition timing advance readings remained unchanged even though the engine speed had increased. These readings were not characteristic or expected for normal engine operation. The discrepancies in the OIS Test Data confirmed that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 Sienna during the certification process as required, thereby confirming this was a fraudulent inspection by way of clean plugging.

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Previous Failing Tests: 2002 Sienna

- 88. According to Bureau records, the 2002 Sienna had previously failed two tests.
- 89. The most recent previous failing test was performed by Respondent Yousif at Compadres Smog earlier in the day on February 12, 2024. The 2002 Sienna failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. The Dynamic OBDII PID data collected during the test shows the expected change in the throttle, MAF, and ignition timing advance parameters were characteristic or expected for normal engine operation.
- 90. The earlier failing test was performed at another station on January 13, 2024. The 2002 Sienna failed the test for incomplete OBDII readiness monitors. No dynamic OBDII PID data was collected during the January 13 test.

Respondent Lopez

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

91. Respondent Lopez's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that he made statements which were known to be untrue or misleading or, which by exercise of reasonable care should have been known to be untrue or misleading, by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles set forth in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, certifying that those vehicles were in compliance with applicable laws and regulations when, in fact, those vehicles had not been so inspected. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

92. Respondent Lopez's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that he committed acts that constitute fraud by issuing electronic certificates of compliance to the ten vehicles set forth in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without

performing bone fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Material Violation of the Automotive Repair Act)

93. Respondent Lopez's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that he failed in a material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it when he issued electronic certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles set forth in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 94. Respondent Lopez's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
- a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the emission control tests were performed on the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
- b. <u>Section 44015, subdivision (b)</u>: Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance to the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without properly testing and inspecting those vehicles to determine if they were in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 95. Respondent Lopez's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
- c. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

96. Respondent Lopez's Smog Check Test Only 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 he committed dishonest,

fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles described in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

Respondent Yousif

SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 97. Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with the following sections of that code:
- a. <u>Section 44032</u>: Respondent failed to perform tests of emission control devices and systems of the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.
- b. Section 44015, subdivision (b): Respondent caused electronic smog certificates of compliance to be issued for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without ensuring that they were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 44012.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant to Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

98. Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that he failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

- a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent falsely or fraudulently issued electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, in accordance with Health and Safety Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
- c. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud, or Deceit)

99. Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector 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 he committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by issuing electronic smog certificates of compliance for the ten vehicles identified in paragraphs 42-46; 48-50; 52-54; 56-58; 60-62; 64-66; 68-76; 78-82; and 85-89, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program. Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 41 through 90, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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OTHER MATTERS

- 100. 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 Lopez, upon a finding that he has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 101. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Test Only Station License Number TC 285096, issued to Respondent Lopez, 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.
- 102. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 632145, issued to Respondent Yousif, 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

103. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Yousif, Complainant alleges that effective July 20, 2018, under default decision and order 79/16-53, the Bureau revoked Respondent Yousif's Smog Check Inspector and Smog Check Repair Licenses. In or about 2022, Respondent Yousif reapplied for the Smog Check Inspector License, and the Bureau granted his application, and issued the license.

PRAYER

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

- Revoking or suspending Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD
 285096, issued to Martin Gonzalez Lopez, doing business as Compadres Smog;
- 2. Revoking or suspending any other Automotive Repair Dealer Registration issued to Martin Gonzalez Lopez;