

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CHAD ALLEN HUNT dba TRUE-MANS SMOG

4571 Lake Isabella Blvd., # 13

Lake Isabella, CA 93240

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 288107

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 288107

and

CHAD ALLEN HUNT

2812 Renbach Avenue

Bodfish, CA 93205

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 640196

Respondent.

Case No. 79/21-3686

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DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs as the Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on August 23, 2022.

DATED: July 7, 2022 
GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
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9. **BEFORE THE**
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10. **FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**
11. **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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13. In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

14. **CHAD ALLEN HUNT, DBA TRUE-MANS**
15. **SMOG**
16. 4571 Lake Isabella Blvd. #13
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

17. Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
Number ARD 288107
18. Smog Check, Test Only, Station License
Number TC 288107,

19. and

20. **CHAD ALLEN HUNT**
21. 2812 Renbach Ave.
Bodfish, CA 93205

22. Smog Check Inspector License Number EO
23. 640196

24. Respondent.

Case Number 79/21-3686

OAH Number 2022020073

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

1 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
2 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

3 **PARTIES**

4 1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
5 (Bureau). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by
6 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Kevin J. Schettig, Deputy Attorney
7 General.

8 2. Respondents Chad Allen Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog and Chad Allen Hunt are
9 represented in this proceeding by attorney Michael B. Levin, whose address is: 3727 Camino del
10 Rio South, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92108.

11 3. On or about July 28, 2017, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
12 No. ARD 288107 to Chad Allen Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog (Respondent True-Mans Smog).
13 The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
14 charges brought in Accusation Number 79/21-3686, and will expire on July 31, 2022, unless
15 renewed.

16 4. On or about August 3, 2017, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station
17 License No. TC 288107 to Respondent True-Mans Smog. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station
18 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation
19 Number 79/21-3686, and will expire on July 31, 2022, unless renewed.

20 5. On or about April 10, 2017, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License
21 Number EO 640196 to Chad Allen Hunt (Respondent Hunt). The Smog Check Inspector License
22 was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation Number
23 79/21-3686, and will expire on October 31, 2022, unless renewed.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 6. Accusation Number 79/21-3686 was filed before the Director of the Department of
26 Consumer Affairs (Director), and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and
27 all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on October 25,
28 2021. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

1 7. A copy of Accusation Number 79/21-3686 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated
2 herein by reference.

3 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

4 8. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the
5 charges and allegations in Accusation Number 79/21-3686. Respondents have also carefully
6 read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
7 Disciplinary Order.

8 9. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
9 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine
10 the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the
11 right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
12 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
13 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

14 10. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and
15 every right set forth above.

16 **CULPABILITY**

17 11. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
18 Number 79/21-3686.

19 12. Respondent True-Mans Smog agrees that its Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
20 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License are subject to discipline and it agrees to be bound by
21 the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

22 13. Respondent Hunt agrees that his Smog Check Inspector License is subject to
23 discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the
24 Disciplinary Order below.

25 **CONTINGENCY**

26 14. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's
27 designee. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the
28 Bureau may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer

1 Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by
2 Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that
3 they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the
4 Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision
5 and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except
6 for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the
7 Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

8 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
9 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
10 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

11 16. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
12 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
13 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
14 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
15 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
16 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

17 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
18 the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
19 Disciplinary Order:

20 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

21 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD
22 288107 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 288107 issued to Respondent
23 Chad Allen Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog and Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 640196
24 issued to Respondent Chad Allen Hunt, are revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and
25 Respondents are placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

26 1. **Actual Suspension.** Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number ARD 288107
27 and Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TC 288107 issued to Respondent Chad
28 Allen Hunt dba True-Mans Smog, and Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 640196 issued

1 to Respondent Chad Allen Hunt, are suspended for fifteen (15) consecutive days beginning on the
2 effective date of the Decision and Order.

3 2. **Obey All Laws.** During the period of probation, Respondents shall comply with all
4 federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all BAR registrations and licenses held
5 by Respondents.

6 3. **Posting of Sign.** During the period of suspension, Respondents shall prominently
7 post a sign or signs, provided by BAR, indicating the beginning and ending dates of the
8 suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign or signs shall be conspicuously
9 displayed in a location or locations open to and frequented by customers. The location(s) of the
10 sign(s) shall be approved by BAR and shall remain posted during the entire period of actual
11 suspension.

12 4. **Quarterly Reporting.** During the period of probation, Respondents shall report
13 either by personal appearance or in writing as determined by BAR on a schedule set by BAR, but
14 no more frequently than once each calendar quarter, on the methods used and success achieved in
15 maintaining compliance with the terms and conditions of probation.

16 5. **Report Financial Interests.** Respondents shall, within 30 days of the effective date
17 of the decision and within 30 days from the date of any request by BAR during the period of
18 probation, report any financial interest which any Respondent or any partners, officers, or owners
19 of any Respondent facility may have in any other business required to be registered pursuant to
20 Section 9884.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

21 6. **Access to Examine Vehicles and Records.** Respondents shall provide BAR
22 representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts) undergoing service,
23 inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion. Respondents shall also
24 provide BAR representatives unrestricted access to all records pursuant to BAR laws and
25 regulations.

26 7. **Tolling of Probation.** If, during probation, Respondents leave the jurisdiction of
27 California to reside or do business elsewhere or otherwise cease to do business in the jurisdiction
28 of California, Respondents shall notify BAR in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure

1 and return, and of the dates of cessation and resumption of business in California. All provisions
2 of probation other than cost reimbursement requirements, restitution requirements, training
3 requirements, and that Respondents obey all laws, shall be held in abeyance during any period of
4 time of 30 days or more in which Respondents are not residing or engaging in business within the
5 jurisdiction of California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of
6 resumption of business in California. Any period of time of 30 days or more in which
7 Respondents are not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of California shall
8 not apply to the reduction of this probationary period or to any period of actual suspension not
9 previously completed. Tolling is not available if business or work relevant to the probationary
10 license or registration is conducted or performed during the tolling period.

11 **8. Violation of Probation.** If Respondents violate or fail to comply with the terms and
12 conditions of probation in any respect, the Director, after giving notice and opportunity to be
13 heard may set aside the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order provided in the decision.
14 Once Respondents are served notice of BAR's intent to set aside the stay, the Director shall
15 maintain jurisdiction, and the period of probation shall be extended until final resolution of the
16 matter.

17 **9. Maintain Valid License.** Respondents shall, at all times while on probation,
18 maintain a current and active registration and/or license(s) with BAR, including any period during
19 which suspension or probation is tolled. If Respondents' registration or license is expired at the
20 time the decision becomes effective, the registration or license must be renewed by Respondents
21 within 30 days of that date. If Respondents' registration or license expires during a term of
22 probation, by operation of law or otherwise, then upon renewal Respondents' registration or
23 license shall be subject to any and all terms and conditions of probation not previously satisfied.
24 Failure to maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the period of probation
25 shall also constitute a violation of probation.

26 **10. Cost Recovery.** Respondents shall pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair \$9,554.18
27 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of Case Number 79/21-3686.
28 Respondents shall make such payment over the first thirty (30) months of probation. Any

1 agreement for a scheduled payment plan shall require full payment to be completed no later than
2 six (6) months before probation terminates. Respondents shall make payment by check or money
3 order payable to the Bureau of Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or money order
4 that it is for cost recovery payment for Case Number 79/21-3686. Any order for payment of cost
5 recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate
6 until full cost recovery payment has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any other
7 lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based
8 upon the violation of probation.

9 **11. Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondents'
10 affected registration and licenses will be fully restored or issued without restriction, if
11 Respondents meet all current requirements for registration or licensure and have paid all
12 outstanding fees, monetary penalties, or cost recovery owed to BAR.

13 **12. License Surrender.** Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay of
14 invalidation or revocation, if Respondents cease business operations or are otherwise unable to
15 satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondents may request that the stay be vacated.
16 Such request shall be made in writing to BAR. The Director and the BAR Chief reserve the right
17 to evaluate the Respondents' request and to exercise discretion whether to grant the request or
18 take any other action deemed appropriate or reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal
19 granting of the request, the Director will vacate the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order
20 provided in the decision. Respondents may not petition the Director for reinstatement of the
21 surrendered registration and/or license, or apply for a new registration or license under the
22 jurisdiction of BAR at any time before the date of the originally scheduled completion of
23 probation. If Respondents apply to BAR for a registration or license at any time after that date,
24 Respondents must meet all current requirements for registration or licensure and pay all
25 outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to BAR and left outstanding at the time of surrender.

26 **13. Training Course**

27 During the period of probation, Respondent Hunt shall attend and successfully complete a
28 BAR-specified and -approved training course in inspection, diagnosis and/or repair of emission

1 systems failures and engine performance, applicable to the class of license held by the
2 Respondent Hunt. Respondent Hunt shall provide to the Bureau proof of enrollment in the course
3 within 30 days of the effective date of the decision, and proof of successful course completion
4 within 180 days of the effective date of the decision. Failure to provide proof of enrollment
5 and/or successful course completion to the Bureau within the timeframes specified shall
6 constitute a violation of probation, and Respondent Hunt shall be prohibited from issuing any
7 certificate of compliance or noncompliance until such proof is received.

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Michael B. Levin. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration; Smog Check, Test Only, Station License; and Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 6/17/2022

Chad Allen Hunt

CHAD ALLEN HUNT, dba TRUE-MANS SMOG and
CHAD ALLEN HUNT individually
Respondents

I have read and fully discussed with Respondents Chad Allen Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog and Chad Allen Hunt, the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 6/17/2022

Michael B. Levin

MICHAEL B. LEVIN
Attorney for Respondents

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: June 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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