

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

In the Matter of the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation 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 Station License No. TC 288107

and

CHAD ALLEN HUNT

2812 Renbach Ave.

Bodfish, CA 93205

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 640196

Respondents.

Case No. 79/23-14338

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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 April 15, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED March 4, 2025.



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10 **FOR THE BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**
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OAH No. 2024100853

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER

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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 Marissa N. Hamilton, Deputy
7 Attorney General.

8 2. Respondents Chad Allen Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog and Chad Allen Hunt are
9 represented in this proceeding by attorney Nicole Weil, Esq., whose address is: 380 S. Melrose
10 Drive, Ste 313, Vista, CA 92126.

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 and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338, and will expire
15 on July 31, 2025, unless 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 and
19 Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338, and will expire on July 31, 2025, unless renewed.

20 5. On or about April 10, 2017, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License No.
21 EO 640196 to Chad Allen Hunt (Respondent Hunt). The Smog Check Inspector License was in
22 full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation and Petition to
23 Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338, and will expire on October 31, 2026, unless renewed.

24 6. In a disciplinary action titled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Chad Allen*
25 *Hunt dba True-Mans Smog and Chad Allen Hunt*, Case No. 79/21-3686, the Bureau issued a
26 Decision and Order, effective August 23, 2022, in which Respondent True-Mans Smog's
27 Automotive Repair Dealer Registration and Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License, and
28 Respondent Hunt's Smog Check Inspector License were revoked. However, the revocations were

1 stayed and Respondents' respective licenses were placed on probation for three (3) years with
2 certain terms and conditions.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 7. Accusation and Petition to Revoke No. 79/23-14338 was filed before the Director of
5 the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director), and is currently pending against Respondents.
6 The Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents
7 were properly served on Respondent on August 15, 2024. Respondent timely filed their Notice of
8 Defense contesting the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation.

9 8. A copy of Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338 is attached
10 as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

11 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

12 9. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the
13 charges and allegations in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338.
14 Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of
15 this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

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

23 11. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and
24 every right set forth above.

25 **CULPABILITY**

26 12. Respondents understand and agree that the charges and allegations in Accusation and
27 Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/23-14338, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for
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1 imposing discipline upon their respective Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check,
2 Test-Only, Station License, and Smog Check Inspector License.

3 13. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation without
4 the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondents agree that, at a hearing,
5 Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and Petition to
6 Revoke Probation, and that Respondents hereby give up their right to contest those charges.

7 14. Respondents agree that their respective Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog
8 Check, Test-Only, Station License, and Smog Check Inspector License are subject to discipline
9 and agree to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order
10 below.

11 CONTINGENCY

12 15. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's
13 designee. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the
14 Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the
15 Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or
16 participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents
17 understand and agree that they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the
18 stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt
19 this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall
20 be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action
21 between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having
22 considered this matter.

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

26 17. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
27 integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
28 It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,

1 negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
2 Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
3 writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

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

7 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 288107
9 and Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License No. TC 288107 issued to Respondent Chad Allen
10 Hunt, dba True-Mans Smog, and Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 640196 issued to
11 Respondent Chad Allen Hunt, are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and
12 Respondents' current probation shall be extended for an additional two (2) years. This order is to
13 run consecutive to, and shall take effect immediately upon completion of the probation in Case
14 No. 79/21-3686, on the following terms and conditions:

15 1. **Obey All Laws.** During the period of probation, Respondents shall comply with all
16 federal and state statutes, regulations and rules governing all BAR registrations and licenses held
17 by Respondent.

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

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

27 4. **Access to Examine Vehicles and Records.** Respondents shall provide BAR
28 representatives unrestricted access to examine all vehicles (including parts) undergoing service,

1 inspection, or repairs, up to and including the point of completion. Respondents shall also provide
2 BAR representatives unrestricted access to all records pursuant to BAR laws and regulations.

3 **5. Tolling of Probation.** If, during probation, Respondents leave the jurisdiction of
4 California to reside or do business elsewhere or otherwise ceases to do business in the jurisdiction
5 of California, Respondents shall notify BAR in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure
6 and return, and of the dates of cessation and resumption of business in California. All provisions
7 of probation other than cost reimbursement requirements, restitution requirements, training
8 requirements, and that Respondents obey all laws, shall be held in abeyance during any period of
9 time of 30 days or more in which Respondents are not residing or engaging in business within the
10 jurisdiction of California. All provisions of probation shall recommence on the effective date of
11 resumption of business in California. Any period of time of 30 days or more in which
12 Respondents are not residing or engaging in business within the jurisdiction of California shall
13 not apply to the reduction of this probationary period or to any period of actual suspension not
14 previously completed. Tolling is not available if business or work relevant to the probationary
15 license or registration is conducted or performed during the tolling period.

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

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

1 Failure to maintain a current and active registration and/or license during the period of probation
2 shall also constitute a violation of probation.

3 **8. Cost Recovery.** Respondents shall pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair \$8,916.17
4 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of case No. 79/23-14338.
5 Beginning on the effective date of this decision, Respondents shall make seventeen (17) equal
6 consecutive monthly payments in the amount of \$495.34, with a final payment in the amount of
7 \$495.39. Full payment is to be completed no later than six (6) months before probation
8 terminates. Respondents shall make payment by check or money order payable to the Bureau of
9 Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or money order that it is for cost recovery
10 payment for case No. 79/23-14338. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect
11 whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full cost recovery payment
12 has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any other lawful measures in collecting on the
13 costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based upon the violation of probation.

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

18 **10. License Surrender.** Following the effective date of a decision that orders a stay of
19 invalidation or revocation, if Respondents cease business operations or are otherwise unable to
20 satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondents may request that the stay be vacated.
21 Such request shall be made in writing to BAR. The Director and the BAR Chief reserve the right
22 to evaluate the Respondents' request and to exercise discretion whether to grant the request or
23 take any other action deemed appropriate or reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal
24 granting of the request, the Director will vacate the stay order and carry out the disciplinary order
25 provided in the decision. Respondents may not petition the Director for reinstatement of the
26 surrendered registration and/or licenses, or apply for a new registration or license under the
27 jurisdiction of BAR at any time before the date of the originally scheduled completion of
28 probation. If Respondents applies to BAR for a registration or license at any time after that date,

1 Respondents must meet all current requirements for registration or licensure and pay all
2 outstanding fees or cost recovery owed to BAR and left outstanding at the time of surrender.

3 **ACCEPTANCE**

4 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully
5 discussed it with my attorney, Nicole Weil, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will
6 have on my Automotive Repair Dealer Registration, Smog Check, Test-Only, Station License,
7 and Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order
8 voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the
9 Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

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11 DATED: 02/13/2025


Chad Hunt Feb 13, 2025 15:13 PST

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

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

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18 DATED: 02/14/2025

Nicole Weil

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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: 2/18/2025

Respectfully submitted,

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