## BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE

## **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

## **BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusations and Petitions to Revoke Probation Against:

# CHEVREM CORPORATION dba CLEAR BLUE TEST ONLY SMOG STATION; FAITH

TEKIN, PRESIDENT

2850 Crow Canyon Rd.

San Ramon, CA 94583

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 241700

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 241700

# CHEVREM CORPORATION dba EL CERRITO TEST ONLY CENTER; FAITH TEKIN,

## PRESIDENT

10439 San Pablo Ave. Unit A

El Cerrito, CA 94530

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 3587

Oakland, CA 94601

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 258902

# Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 258902

and

# CHEVREM CORPORATION dba FREMONT SMOG; FAITH TEKIN, PRESIDENT

35900 Fremont Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94536

Mailing Address:

121 Diamond Court

Hercules, CA 94547

Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 244942

Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 244942

# SHAHZAD MARK

5 The Trees Drive

Concord, CA 94518

Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 136985

Respondents.

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# Case No. 79/21-13696; 79/22-3185; 79/22-7685

# DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge 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 be effective	on <u>Corasae</u> 4 2023
IT IS SO ORDERED this	day of Argust, 2023.  Rodriguez, GraceArupo@DCA
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	GRACE ARUPO RODRIGUEZ
	Assistant Deputy Director
	Legal Affairs Division
	Department of Consumer Affairs

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13	CHEVREM CORPORATION	
14	DBA CLEAR BLUE TEST ONLY SMOG STATION Fatih Tekin, President	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER
15	2850 Crow Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583	
16	Automotive Repair Dealer No. ARD 241700 Smog	
17	Check Station License No. TC 241700	
18	CHEVREM CORPORATION DBA EL CERRITO TEST ONLY CENTER	
19	Fatih Tekin, President	
20	10439 San Pablo Ave. Unit A El Cerrito, CA 94530	
21	Mailing Address	
22	PO Box 3587 Oakland, CA 94601	
23	Automotive Repair Dealer No. ARD258902	
	Smog Check Station License No. TC258902	
24	CHEVREM CORPORATION	
25	DBA FREMONT SMOG Fatih Tekin, President	
26	35900 Fremont Blvd. Fremont, CA 94536	
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1	Mailing Address 121 Diamond Court Hercules, CA 94547
3	Automotive Repair Dealer No. ARD244942 Smog Check Station License No. TC244942
4	SHAHZAD MARK
5	5 The Trees Drive Concord, CA 94518
6	Smog Check Inspector (EO) License No. EO 136985
7	Respondents.
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10	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
11	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:
12	<u>PARTIES</u>
13	1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) is the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair
14	(Bureau). He brought these actions solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter
15	by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Justin R. Surber, Deputy Attorney
16	General.
17	2. Respondent Shahzad Mark (Respondent Mark) and Respondent Chevrem Corporation
18	(Respondent Chevrem) dba Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station, dba El Cerrito Test Only Center,
19 20	and dba Fremont Smog and are represented in this proceeding by attorney William Fereira, whose
21	address is: 580 California Street, Ste. 1200 San Francisco California 94104
22	3. On or about January 1, 2005, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer
23	Registration No. ARD 241700 to Respondent Chevrem dba Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station.
24	Fatih Tekin is president of Respondent. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration will expire
25	on September 30, 2023, unless renewed.
26	4. On or about February 16, 2016, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station
27	License No. TC 241700 to Respondent Chevrem dba Clear Blue Sky. The Smog Check, Test

Only, Station License will expire on September 30, 2023, unless renewed. On or About January 8, 2013, smog check station was certified as a STAR Station.

- 5. On or about July 28, 2009, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 258902 to Respondent Chevrem dba El Cerrito Test Only Center. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration expired on March 31, 2023, and has not been renewed.
- 6. On or about August 6, 2009, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 258902 to Respondent Chevrem dba El Cerrito Test Only Center. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station License expired on March 31, 2023, and has not been renewed. In 2013, this smog check station was certified as a STAR Station.
- 7. On or about November 11, 2006, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. ARD 244942 to Respondent Chevrem. The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration will expire on April 30, 2023, unless renewed. The "doing business as" or "DBA" name for Fremont Smog was formerly Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station 2 and was changed to Fremont Smog in June 2021.
- 8. On or about November 11, 2006, the Bureau issued Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TC 244942 to Respondent dba Fremont Smog. The Smog Check, Test Only, Station License will expire on April 30, 2023, unless renewed. In 2013, this smog check station was certified as a STAR Station.
- 9. In 2003, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 136985 to Respondent Mark. Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license expired and was cancelled on January 31, 2013. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.28, subdivision (e), the license was renewed, pursuant to Respondent Mark's election, as Smog Check Inspector License EO 136985. Respondent's Smog Check Inspector License will expire on January 31, 2025, unless renewed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective August 1, 2012, California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 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.

### JURISDICTION

- 10. Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/21-13696 was filed before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), and is currently pending against Respondent Chevrem and Respondent Mark. The Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 24, 2022. Respondent Chevrem and Respondent Mark timely filed their Notices of Defense contesting the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation.
- 11. Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-3185 was filed before the Bureau and is currently pending against Respondent Chevrem. The Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent Chevrem on November 1, 2022. Respondent Chevrem timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation.
- 12. Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-7685 was filed before the Bureau and is currently pending against Respondent Chevrem. The Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 15, 2022. Respondent Chevrem timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation.
- 13. A copy of Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/21-13696 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-3185 is attached as exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-7685 is attached as exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

14. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusations and Petitions to Revoke Probation Nos. 79/21-13696; 79/22-3185; and 79/22-7685. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 15. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in these matters, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusations and Petitions to Revoke Probation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 16. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

- 17. Respondent Chevrem and Respondent Mark admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/21-13696.
- 18. Respondent Chevrem admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-3185.
- 19. Respondent Chevrem admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. 79/22-7685.
- 20. Respondent Chevrem agrees that his Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations and Smog Check Station Licenses are subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 21. Respondent Mark agrees that his Smog Check Inspector License is subject to discipline and agrees to be bound by the Director's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 22. Respondent Chevrem is aware and agrees that once the probation order imposing discipline on its Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations and Smog Check Station Licenses become final and non-appealable pursuant to the order below, cause will exist to suspend Respondent's STAR Certifications pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 3392.3, subdivision (a)(5).

### CONTINGENCY

- 23. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Director or the Director's designee. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Bureau of Automotive Repair may communicate directly with the Director and staff of the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or their counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Director considers and acts upon it. If the Director fails to adopt this stipulation as the Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Director shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 24. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 25. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 26. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Director may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

## **DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

27. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the probation imposed against Respondent Chevrem dba Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station, El Cerrito Test Only, and Fremont Test Only on April 21 2021, in the cases entitled "In the Matter of the Accusations Against Chevrem Corporation, et al., Case Nos. 79/17-1195, 79/17-1998, 79/17-1999, 79/17-1202, 79/17-1224,

79/17-1226, and 79/17-1229," is hereby extended for an additional two years on the same terms and conditions with the exception of costs as described below. This extension only applies to Respondent's registrations/station licenses at Clear Blue Test Only Smog Station, El Cerrito Test Only, and Fremont Test Only. The probationary period that began on or about April, 2021, and was scheduled to end on or about April 21, 2026, will now end on or about April 21, 2028, unless there are intervening circumstances extending and/or tolling probation as described in the Bureau's probationary terms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the probation imposed against Respondent Mark on May 25, 2021, in the case entitled "In the Matter of the Accusation Against Chevrem Corporation, et al., Case No. 79/17-1202" is hereby extended for an additional two years on the same terms and conditions with exception of costs as described below. The probationary period that began on or about May 25, 2021, and was continued by the pleading filed in this matter will now end two years after the effective date of the decision and order, unless there are intervening circumstances extending and/or tolling probation as described in the Bureau's probationary terms.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Chevrem shall pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair an additional \$8,488.65 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement in these matters. These costs are in addition to the costs ordered in "In the Matter of the Accusations Against Chevrem Corporation, et al., Case Nos. 79/17-1195, 79/17-1998, 79/17-1999, 79/17-1202, 79/17-1224, 79/17-1226, and 79/17-1229."

The additional costs are to be paid in 18 monthly payments. The first 17 monthly payments shall be \$471.59 and the final payment shall be \$471.62. Respondents shall make payment by check or money order payable to the Bureau of Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or money order that it is for cost recovery payment for case Nos. 79/21-13696; 79/22-3185; 79/22-7685. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full cost recovery payment has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any other lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based upon the violation of probation.

The monthly payments in this paragraph shall commence after the current monthly payment plan ordered in "the Matter of the Accusations Against Chevrem Corporation, et al., Case Nos. 79/17-1195, 79/17-1998, 79/17-1999, 79/17-1202, 79/17-1224, 79/17-1226, and 79/17-1229" ends in the 48<sup>th</sup> month of probation. The costs ordered in this paragraph shall begin on the 49<sup>th</sup> month of probation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Mark shall pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair \$2,500.00 for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement in these matters. Costs are to be paid in 18 monthly payments. The first 17 monthly payments shall be \$138.88 and the final payment shall be \$139.04. Respondent Mark shall make payment by check or money order payable to the Bureau of Automotive Repair and shall indicate on the check or money order that it is for cost recovery payment for case Nos. 79/21-13696. Any order for payment of cost recovery shall remain in effect whether or not probation is tolled. Probation shall not terminate until full cost recovery payment has been made. BAR reserves the right to pursue any other lawful measures in collecting on the costs ordered and past due, in addition to taking action based upon the violation of probation. Costs shall begin the in the month following the effective date of this decision and order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the STAR Certifications of Smog Check Station License No. TC 241700, Smog Check Station License No. TC 258902, Smog Check Station License No. TC 244942, all issued to Respondent Chevrem Corporation, are hereby suspended under the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Suspension. Respondent's STAR certifications shall be suspended for a period of 60 consecutive days beginning on the effective date of the Decision and Order. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall cease advertising as a STAR station and shall cover or remove all STAR signage. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not perform any repairs under the Consumer Assistance Program.
- Automatic Reinstatement. Upon successful completion of the 60-day suspension,
   Respondent's STAR Certifications shall be fully restored without reapplication for a STAR certification.

- 3. Posting of Sign. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall prominently post a sign or signs, provided by BAR, indicating the beginning and ending dates of the suspension and indicating the reason for the suspension. The sign or signs shall be conspicuously displayed in a location or locations open to and frequented by customers. The location(s) of the sign(s) shall be approved by BAR and shall remain posted during the entire period of actual suspension.
- 4. Other than as set forth above in paragraph 1, above, the continued probationary order issued to Respondent Shahzad Mark shall not be further cause for STAR Certification suspension at any station at which Respondent Shahzad Mark is now employed or may be employed in the future.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

I am the President of Respondent Chevrem Corporation. I have the authority to enter this stipulation on behalf of Chevrem Corporation and bind Chevrem Corporation to its terms. I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, William Ferreira. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on Chevrem Corporation's Automotive Repair Dealer Registrations and Smog Check Test Only Station Licenses. Chevrem Corporation enters into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agrees to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 5/12/23

FATIH TEKIN

As President of and on behalf of CHEVREM CORPORATION, Respondent

# ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, William Ferreira. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Smog Check Inspector License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and

1	Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agrees to be bound by the
2	Decision and Order of the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
3	5-12-2023
4	DATED:
5	SHAMZAD MARK Respondent
6	I have read and fully discussed with Fatih Tekin, president of Respondent Chevrem
7	Corporation, and Shahzad Mark the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the
8	above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.
9	DATED: 5-13-2023
10	WILLIAM FEREIRA Attorney for Respondent
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12	ENDORSEMENT
13	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
14	submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
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16	DATED: Respectfully submitted,
17	ROB BONTA Attorney General of California
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10	WILLIAM FEREIRA Attorney for Respondent
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14	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully
15	submitted for consideration by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.
16	DATED: 5/17/23 Respectfully submitted,
17	ROB BONTA
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