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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 79/23-13828
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10	Respondents.
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12	<u>PARTIES</u>
13	1. Patrick Dorais (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as
14	the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau), Department of Consumer Affairs.
15	2. On or about April 11, 2022, the Bureau issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration
16	Number ARD 302210 to Juan Carolos Guerrero Jr dba 5O2 Smog Check (Respondent Guerrero).
17	The Automotive Repair Dealer Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
18	charges brought herein and expired on April 30, 2024.
19	3. On or about October 12, 2022, the Bureau issued Smog Check Test Only Station
20	License Number TC 302210 to Respondent Guerrero. The Smog Check Test Only Station
21	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will
22	expire on April 30, 2024, unless renewed.
23	4. On or about November 18, 2022, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License
24	Number EO 644033 to Alejandro Morones Magdaleno (Respondent Magdaleno). The Smog
25	Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
26	herein and will expire on March 31, 2025, unless renewed.
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- 5. On or about October 5, 2018, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 641441 to Alfonso Alexzander Roman (Respondent Roman). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2024, unless renewed.
- 6. On or about October 5, 2018, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 641442 to Victor M Zermeno (Respondent Zermeno). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2025, unless renewed.
- 7. On or about March 14, 2023, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 644218 to Juan Carlos Miranda (Respondent Miranda). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2025, unless renewed.
- 8. On or about March 18, 2019, the Bureau issued Smog Check Inspector License Number EO 641783 to William Antonio Hernandez (Respondent Hernandez). The Smog Check Inspector License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2024, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 9. This Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau of Automotive Repair, under the authority of the following laws.
- 10. Business and Professions Code (Bus. & Prof. 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.
- 11. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7 provides that the Director may revoke an automotive repair dealer registration.
- 12. Bus. & Prof. 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

1	26. CCR, title 16, section 3340.41 states, in pertinent part:	
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3	(b) No person shall enter any access or qualification number other than as authorized by the Bureau into the EIS or OIS, nor in any way tamper with the EIS or	
5	OIS. (c) No person shall enter any vehicle identification information or emission	
6	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	
7	about the vehicle being tested	
8	27. CCR, title 16, section 3340.42, sets forth specific emissions test methods and	
9	procedures which apply to all vehicles inspected in the State of California.	
10	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>	
11	28. Bus. & Prof. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that a Board may request	
12	the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or	
13	violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation	
14	and enforcement of the case.	
15	CALIFORNIA'S SMOG CHECK PROGRAM	
16	29. California's Smog Check Program requires most vehicles in the State to undergo a	
17	smog check inspection every two years or when the vehicle's title is transferred.	
18	30. A smog check inspection in certain Enhanced areas of the State is an Acceleration	
19	Simulation Mode (ASM) test performed using an Emission Inspection System (EIS), also known	
20	as a BAR 97. This is a computer based five-gas analyzer that measures Hydrocarbons (HC),	
21	Carbon Monoxide (CO), Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx), Carbon Dioxide (CO ²) and Oxygen (O ²).	
22	The first part of the test is a loaded mode test of the vehicle's tailpipe emissions on a	
23	dynamometer. The vehicle's drive wheels are placed on rollers, and the vehicle is driven to	
24	simulate driving conditions while the emissions are sampled by the EIS.	
25	31. In Basic areas of the State, or depending on a vehicle's configuration, a similar test	
26	called a Two Speed Idle test is performed, but instead of applying a load to the vehicle's drive	
27	wheels with a dynamometer, the EIS measures the emissions of HC, CO, O ² , and CO ² at idle as	
28	well as 2500 revolutions per minute (rpm).	

- 32. 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.
- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. 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 (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 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.

- 37. 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 0% at idle and near or up to 100% 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: 0 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).
- 38. 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 0%. 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. 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.

- 39. 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.
- 40. The Bureau has become aware of methods that some Smog Check stations and Smog Check inspectors use to fraudulently issue smog certificates to vehicles that may not pass a smog check test on their own, or in some instances, are not even present during the time the test is performed. "Clean plugging" is a method by which another vehicle's 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. Defeat devices attempt to simulate engine operation during a smog check inspection by transmitting OBD II data to the VID which has been modified or replaced entirely for the purportedly inspected vehicle during the functional portion of the OIS inspection.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Station Inspections

41. The Bureau performed two inspections of 5O2 Smog Check for purposes of the facility's initial opening. The first inspection was performed on or about October 6, 2022. The station failed the inspection due to wall licenses that were missing and the BAR97 analyzer failing calibration. The Bureau conducted a second inspection on or about October 12, 2022 during which the Bureau noted that all previous deficiencies had been corrected. During both inspections, the Bureau advised Respondent Guerrero that no false information about the vehicle being tested should be entered into the analyzer, that all tests and inspections should be conducted in accordance with the Bureau's Smog Check Manual, and that compliance with the Automotive Repair Act is mandatory.

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42. On or about August 2, 2023, a Bureau Representative conducted a detailed review of the VID data for Smog Check inspections performed at 5O2 Smog Check 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's review of the Smog Check activities at 5O2 Smog Check confirmed fourteen (14) Smog Check Certificates of Compliance were fraudulently issued to vehicles.

Clean Plug Number 1 – 2001 Toyota Sienna LE

43. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on January 27, 2023, a 2001 Toyota Sienna LE, VIN #4T3ZF13C81U351768, CA License #4RMS119 (2001 Sienna), was tested and Smog Certificate of Compliance #TC184124C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Hernandez's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 2807 and 34298 engine speed is steady at around 745 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 10.6% opening. The MAF is also at 3.26gps. Between time stamps 35507 and 55623 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1565 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 10.6% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 3.26gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2001 Sienna during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 2 – 2002 Mercedes-Benz C240

44. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on February 9, 2023, a 2002 Mercedes-Benz C240, VIN #WDBRF61J02E003663 (2002 C240), was tested and smog certificate #IT129009C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 1047 and 23521 engine speed is steady at around 860 RPM_{T1} During this time the throttle is at a 3.1%

opening. The MAP is fixed at 36kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 3.19gps. Between time stamps 24707 and 27052 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1841 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 3.1% opening. The MAP is fixed at 36kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 3.19gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 C240 during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 3 – 2002 BMW 525 I

45. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on February 14, 2023, a 2002 BMW 525 I, VIN #WBADT43432GY44233, CA License #5RYX005 (2002 525 I), was tested and smog certificate #IT129027C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 1110 and 23334 engine speed is steady at around 860 RPM. During this time the throttle is at 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 3.78gps. Between time stamps 24613 and 29737 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1900 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 3.78gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2002 525 I during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 4 – 2006 Nissan Titan XE

46. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on February 24, 2023, a 2006 Nissan Titan XE, VIN #1N6AA07A46N542694, CA License #42879X1 (2006 Titan), was tested and smog certificate #IT167006C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 1122 and 28347 engine speed is steady at around 890 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 2.4% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 4.97gps. Between time stamps 29632 and 34835 the engine

speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1340 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 2.4% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 4.97gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2006 Titan during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 5 – 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX

47. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on March 2, 2023, a 2005 Subaru Impreza WRX, VIN #JF1GD29665H514553, CA License #6TEH133 (2005 Impreza), was tested and smog certificate #IT372504C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Roman's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 880 and 25162 engine speed is steady at around 950 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 10.6% opening. The MAP is fixed at 102kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 1.16gps. Between time stamps 26104 and 27002 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1736 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 10.6% opening. The MAP is fixed at 102kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 1.16gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Impreza during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 6 – 2005 Honda Accord LX

48. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on March 6, 2023, a 2005 Honda Accord LX, VIN #1HGCM56435A012204 (2005 Accord), was tested and smog certificate #IT372538C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Roman's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 861 and 24082 engine speed is steady at around 840 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 9.4% opening. The MAP is fixed at 101kpa. The MAF is also fixed at .13gps. Between time stamps 24977 and 26757 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 2580 RPM. During the steady elevated engine

RPM, the throttle is at a 9.4% opening. The MAP is fixed at 101kpa. The MAF is also fixed at .13gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Accord during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 7 – 2003 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

49. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on March 25, 2023, a 2003
Chevrolet Corvette Z06, VIN #1G1YY12SX35105628, CA License #8ROS950 (2003 Corvette), was tested and smog certificate #TE825963C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Roman's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 361 and 36862 engine speed is steady at around 770 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 6.7% opening. The MAP is fixed at 34kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 6.45gps. Between time stamps 37674 and 40025 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1750 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 6.7% opening. The MAP is fixed at 34kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 6.45gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2003 Corvette during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 8 – 2004 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab XE

50. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on April 1, 2023, a 2004 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab XE VIN #1N6ED27TX4C429962 (2004 Frontier), was tested and smog certificate #TG018379C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 974 and 18974 engine speed is steady at around 850 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 5.26gps. Between time stamps 20958 and 23005 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1868 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the

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throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 5.26gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Frontier during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 9 – 2000 GMC Sierra C1500

OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on April 17, 2023, a 2000 GMC 51. Sierra C1500, VIN #1GTEC14WXYZ361082, CA License #98529J3 (2000 Sierra), was tested and smog certificate #TG295039C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 351 and 85322 engine speed is steady at around 500 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAP is fixed at 33 kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 5.44 gps. Between time stamps 85704 and 90746 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1650 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAP is fixed at 33kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 5.44gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2000 Sierra during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 10 – 2004 Chevrolet Silverado K1500

OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on April 21, 2023, a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado K1500, VIN #1GCEK14T84Z291956, CA License #GMMGSS (2004 Silverado), was tested and smog certificate #TG606064C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 368 and 19504 engine speed is steady at around 650 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 12.2% opening. The MAP is fixed at 54kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 8.42gps. Between time stamps 19892 and 22711 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1730 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 12.2% opening. The

MAP is fixed at 54kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 8.42gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Silverado during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 11 – 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX

Impreza WRX, VIN #JF1GG29604G810048, CA License #8KIT840 (2004 Impreza), was tested and smog certificate #TG606088C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 870 and 23167 engine speed is steady at around 730 RPM. During this time the throttle is at an 11.4% opening. The MAP is fixed at 47kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 4.09gps. Between time stamps 24063 and 27728 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 1550 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at an 11.4% opening. The MAP is fixed at 47kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 4.09gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2004 Impreza during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 12 – 2005 Honda Accord LX

54. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on August 3, 2023, a 2005 Honda Accord LX, VIN #1HGCM56445A049360, CA License #5UQH527 (2005 Accord), was tested and smog certificate #IV212103C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Magdaleno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 897 and 24019 engine speed is steady at around 900 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 9.8% opening. The MAP is fixed at 40 kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 4.98 gps. Between time stamps 24905 and 28532 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 2000 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 9.8% opening. The MAP is

fixed at 40kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 4.98gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2005 Accord during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 13 - 2007 Honda Accord EX

55. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on August 5, 2023, a 2007 Honda Accord EX, VIN #1HGCM56887A100235, CA License #7ZRW293 (2007 Accord), was tested and smog certificate #IV212125C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Magdaleno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 866 and 23113 engine speed is steady at around 750 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 14.9% opening. The MAP is fixed at 36 kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 3.44 gps. Between time stamps 24039 and 26749 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 2000 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 14.9% opening. The MAP is fixed at 36kpa. The MAF is also fixed at 3.44gps. The fixed throttle positions and subsequent fixed MAP and MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2007 Accord during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Clean Plug Number 14 – 2001 BMW 325 CI

56. OIS Test Data for 5O2 Smog Check indicated that on August 14, 2023, a 2001 BMW 325 CI, VIN #WBABN33401JW47632, CA License #5LLG517 (2001 325 CI), was tested and smog certificate #IV470226C was issued by 5O2 Smog Check, under Respondent Magdaleno's Smog Check Inspector License. The OIS Test Data also show that between time stamps 981 and 24102 engine speed is steady at around 700 RPM. During this time the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 3.71gps. Between time stamps 25098 and 34280 the engine speed is accelerated then held steady at around 2376 RPM. During the steady elevated engine RPM, the throttle is at a 0% opening. The MAF is also fixed at 3.71gps. The fixed throttle

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positions and subsequent fixed MAF readings across both idle and elevated engine speeds are not characteristic and therefore not expected for normal engine operation. These discrepancies confirm that the OIS DAD was not connected to the 2001 325 CI during the certification process as required, thereby rendering this a fraudulent inspection by way of Clean Plugging.

Respondent Guerrero

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue of Misleading Statements)

57. Respondent Guerrero's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. 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 fourteen (14) vehicles set forth in paragraphs 43-56, 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 42 through 56, above, as though set forth fully herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

58. Respondent Guerrero's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that he committed acts that constitute fraud by issuing electronic certificates of compliance to the fourteen (14) vehicles set forth in paragraphs 43-56, 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 42 through 56, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Material Violation of Automotive Repair Act)

59. Respondent Guerrero's Automotive Repair Dealer Registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. 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 fourteen (14) vehicles set forth in paragraphs 43-56, 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 42 through 56, above, as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 60. Respondent Guerrero's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. 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 fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, 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 fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above, without properly testing and inspecting those vehicles to determine if they were in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 42 through 56, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 61. Respondent Guerrero's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. 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 fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. 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 fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above, even though those vehicles had not been inspected in accordance with section 3340.42.
- d. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above.
- e. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the fourteen (14) vehicles identified in paragraphs 43-56, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 42 through 56, above, as though set forth fully herein.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

62. Respondent Guerrero's Smog Check Test Only Station License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health & Saf. Code section 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that he committed

comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

- Section 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered false information into the emissions inspection system for the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 47-49,
- Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 47-49, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 47 through 49, above, as though set forth fully herein.

TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

Respondent Roman's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health & Saf. 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 three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 47-49, 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 47 through 49, above, as though set forth fully herein.

Respondent Zermeno

THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with the following sections of that code:
- Section 44032: Respondent failed to perform tests of emission control devices and systems of the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

b. <u>Section 44015, subdivision (b)</u>: Respondent caused electronic smog certificates of compliance to be issued for the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above, without ensuring that they were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 44 through 46, above, as though set forth fully herein.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 70. Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. 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 three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. 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 three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 44 through 46, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

71. Respondent Zermeno's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health & Saf. 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 three (3) vehicles identified in paragraphs 44-46, 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 44 through 46, above, as though set forth fully herein.

Respondent Miranda

SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 72. Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. 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 four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
- b. <u>Section 44015, subdivision (b)</u>: Respondent caused electronic smog certificates of compliance to be issued for the four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above, without ensuring that they were properly tested and inspected to determine if they were in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 50 through 53, above, as though set forth fully herein.

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SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Regulations Pursuant

to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 73. Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. 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 four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above.
- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. 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 four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspections conducted on the four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above, were done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraphs 50 through 53, above, as though set forth fully herein.

EIGHTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

74. Respondent Miranda's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health & Saf. 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 four (4) vehicles identified in paragraphs 50-53, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on those vehicles, thereby depriving the

- b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the one (1) vehicle identified in paragraph 43, above, in accordance with Health & Saf. 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 one (1) vehicle identified in paragraph 43, above.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to ensure that the smog inspection conducted on the one (1) vehicle identified in paragraph 43, above, was done in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

Complainant refers to, and by this reference incorporates, the allegations contained in paragraph 43, above, as though set forth fully herein.

TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

77. Respondent Hernandez's Smog Check Inspector License is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in conjunction with Health & Saf. Code section 44072.10, subdivision (c), in that he committed dishonest, fraudulent, or deceitful acts whereby another was injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the one (1) vehicle identified in paragraph 43, above, without performing bona fide inspections of the emission control devices and systems on that vehicle, 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 paragraph 43, above, as though set forth fully herein.

DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

78. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent Guerrero, Complainant alleges that on October 6, 2022 and again on October 12, 2022, the Bureau conducted station inspections of 5O2 Smog Check during which Respondent Guerrero was advised that no false information about the vehicle being tested should be entered into the analyzer, that all tests and inspections should be conducted in accordance with the Bureau's Smog Check Manual, and that compliance with the Automotive Repair Act is mandatory. Complainant

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

OTHER MATTERS

- 79. Pursuant to Bus. & Prof. 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 Guerrero, 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.
- 80. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Test Only Station License No. TC 302210, issued to Respondent Guerrero, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 81. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 644033, issued to Respondent Magdaleno, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 82. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 641441, issued to Respondent Roman, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 83. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 641442, issued to Respondent Zermeno, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.
- 84. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check Inspector License No. EO 644218, issued to Respondent Miranda, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health & Saf. Code in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the director.

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