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12	STATE OF CALIFORN	IA			
13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No.79/08-23			
14	CALIFORNIA SMOG CERTIFICATION, INC. JOHN PATRICK DEVIN, PRESIDENT	ACCUSATION			
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16	Chula Vista, CA 91911	(SMOG CHECK)			
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**PARTIES** 

1. Sherry Mehl ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair ("Bureau"), Department of Consumer

#### Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. AD 221240

2. On or about April 26, 2002, the Director of Consumer Affairs ("Director") issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number AD 221240 to California Smog Certification, Inc. ("Respondent California Smog Certification"), with John Patrick Devin as president. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2008, unless renewed.

#### Smog Check, Test Only, Station License No. TD 221240

On or about May 3, 2002, the Director issued Smog Check, Test Only. Station License Number TD 221240 to Respondent California Smog Certification. Respondent's smog check station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2008, unless renewed.

## Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 085454

4. In or about 1997, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 085454 to Karl Duer Robson ("Respondent Robson"). Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license was in full force and effect at all ///

<sup>1.</sup> Test only facilities are licensed smog check stations, that by law, are only allowed to test vehicles; they cannot repair them. Any needed repairs must be performed at either a smog check station designated as a test-andrepair facility or a "gold shield" station. Test-and-repair stations are licensed by the state to provide smog check tests and repairs to most vehicles. Under current law, test-and-repair stations are prohibited from certifying repaired "gross polluters" or vehicles that have been directed to test-only stations for inspection. Only test-only stations and gold shield stations are able to certify repaired gross polluter vehicles.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 39032.5, "gross polluter" means a vehicle with excess hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, or oxides of nitrogen (NOX) emissions as established by the department in consultation with the state board.

times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on September 30, 2008, unless renewed.

#### Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 137341

5. In or about 1997, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 137341 to Loren Thomas Wilson ("Respondent Wilson"). Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on January 31, 2009, unless renewed.

#### Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. AE 160498

6. On or about May 14, 1991, the Director issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number AE 160498 to Jesus Benito Zuniga, also known as Jesus B. Zuniga ("Respondent Zuniga"), owner of Jesse Smog Station. Respondent's automotive repair dealer registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2008, unless renewed.

#### Smog Check Station License No. RE 160498

7. On or about July 12, 1991, the Director issued Smog Check Station License Number RE 160498 to Respondent Zuniga. Respondent's smog check station license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on May 31, 2008, unless renewed.

#### Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License No. EA 304458

8. In or about 1996, the Director issued Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 304458 to Respondent Zuniga. Respondent's advanced emission specialist technician license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on March 31, 2009, unless renewed.

#### Automotive Repair Dealer Registration No. AF 216533

9. On or about June 29, 2001, the Director issued Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number AF 216533 to Respondent California Smog Certification, with John Devin

<sup>2.</sup> Respondent Zuniga's smog check station is a licensed test-and-repair facility.

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#### **JURISDICTION**

	14.	Business and Professions Code ("Bus. & Prof. Code") section 9884.7		
provides that the Director may invalidate an automotive repair dealer registration.				

- 15. 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 proceeding against an automotive repair dealer or to render a decision invalidating a registration temporarily or permanently.
- 16. Health and Safety Code ("Health & Saf. Code") section 44002 provides. in pertinent part, that the Director has all the powers and authority granted under the Automotive Repair Act for enforcing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.
- 17. Health & Saf. Code section 44072.6 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration or suspension of a license by operation of law, or by order or decision of the Director of Consumer Affairs, or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of the license shall not deprive the Director of jurisdiction to proceed with disciplinary action.

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

- 18. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) The director, where the automotive repair dealer cannot show there was a bona fide error, may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, the registration of an automotive repair dealer for any of the following acts or omissions related to the conduct of the business of the automotive repair dealer, which are done by the automotive repair dealer or any automotive technician, employee, partner, officer, or member of the automotive repair dealer.
- (1) Making or authorizing in any manner or by any means whatever any statement written or oral which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.
- (3) Failing or refusing to give to a customer a copy of any document requiring his or her signature, as soon as the customer signs the document.
  - (4) Any other conduct which constitutes fraud.

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- (6) Failure in any material respect to comply with the provisions of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant to it.
- (7) Any willful departure from or disregard of accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike repair in any material respect, which is prejudicial to another without consent of the owner or his or her duly authorized representative.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the director may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, the registration for all places of business operated in this state by an automotive repair dealer upon a finding that the automotive repair dealer has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

19. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.8 states, in pertinent part:

All work done by an automotive repair dealer, including all warranty work, shall be recorded on an invoice and shall describe all service work done and parts supplied. Service work and parts shall be listed separately on the invoice, which shall also state separately the subtotal prices for service work and for parts, not including sales tax, and shall state separately the sales tax, if any, applicable to each . . . One copy shall be given to the customer and one copy shall be retained by the automotive repair dealer.

20. Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.9, subdivision (a), states, in pertinent part:

The automotive repair dealer shall give to the customer a written estimated price for labor and parts necessary for a specific job. No work shall be done and no charges shall accrue before authorization to proceed is obtained from the customer. No charge shall be made for work done or parts supplied in excess of the estimated price without the oral or written consent of the customer that shall be obtained at some time after it is determined that the estimated price is insufficient and before the work not estimated is done or the parts not estimated are supplied. Written consent or authorization for an increase in the original estimated price may be provided by electronic mail or facsimile transmission from the customer. The bureau may specify in regulation the procedures to be followed by an automotive repair dealer when an authorization or consent for an increase in the original estimated price is provided by electronic mail or facsimile transmission. If that consent is oral, the dealer shall make a notation on the work order of the date, time, name of person authorizing the additional repairs and telephone number called, if any, together with a specification of the additional parts and labor . . .

21. Bus. & Prof. Code section 477 provides, in pertinent part, that "Board" includes "bureau," "commission," "committee," "department," "division," "examining committee," "program," and "agency." "License" includes certificate, registration or other means to engage in a business or profession regulated by the Bus. & Prof. Code.

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(carbon monoxide). Cynthia gave the operator a document titled "Station List May 20, 2005", a list of test and repair facilities in the area that could repair the emissions problem on the vehicle. The operator paid Cynthia \$49.95 in cash and received a final invoice, the station list, and a vehicle inspection report ("VIR"). The VIR indicated that the vehicle failed the smog inspection as a gross polluter. Before the operator left the facility, Cynthia approached him and suggested that he take the vehicle to shop number 18 on the station list, Jesse Smog Station.

At approximately 0950 hours that same day, the operator took the vehicle to Respondent Zuniga's (hereinafter "Zuniga") facility, Jesse Smog Station, and met with one of Zuniga's employees. The operator asked the employee if they could repair the smog check failure problem. The employee opened the hood of the vehicle and Zuniga looked into the engine compartment. The operator completed and signed a work order/invoice, but did not receive a copy of the document or a written estimate. The employee told the operator that the vehicle only needed an adjustment and that the repair work would cost \$50, which the operator authorized. The operator observed Zuniga remove the air cleaner lid and air filter from the engine compartment, then observed Zuniga perform a smog inspection on the vehicle. After the inspection was completed, the employee told the operator that the vehicle was ready and that the operator should return to California Smog Certification. The operator paid the employee \$50 in cash and received two copies of Invoice No. 64237 and a VIR dated August 4, 2005, for a pretest (unofficial) inspection on the vehicle. The employee told the operator that the air cleaner lid and air filter were inside the vehicle.

27. Later that same day, Bureau Representative John Nelson ("Nelson") inspected the vehicle and found that the defective #2 vacuum switch was still in place. Nelson performed an acceleration simulation mode (ASM) smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the inspection for the disconnected vacuum hose, excessive CO and HC

<sup>3.</sup> Health & Saf. Code section 44014.5, subdivision (c), states, in pertinent part, that "[t]he department shall provide for the distribution to consumers by test-only facilities of a list, compiled by region, of smog check stations licensed to make repairs of vehicular emission control systems . . . "

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(hydrocarbons) tailpipe emissions, a disconnected PCV (positive crankcase ventilation) system, and missing TAC (thermostatic air cleaner) unit.

- 28. On August 5, 2005, the operator returned the vehicle to the 1655
  Broadway facility and met with Cynthia. The air cleaner lid and air filter, removed by Zuniga, were still lying on the seat of the vehicle. Cynthia informed the operator that he only needed a smog retest on the vehicle. The operator completed and signed a work order/invoice, but did not receive a copy of the document or a written estimate. After the smog inspection was completed, the operator paid Cynthia \$8.25 in cash for the smog certificate and received copies of a final invoice and a VIR dated August 5, 2005, initialed or signed by Respondent Robson. That same day, electronic smog Certificate of Compliance #FW989927C was issued for the vehicle.
- 29. On August 11, 2005, Nelson reinspected the vehicle and found that the defective #2 vacuum switch was still in place. Nelson performed a smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the inspection for the disconnected vacuum hose, excessive CO and HC tailpipe emissions, a disconnected PCV system, and the missing TAC unit.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

30. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:

Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Robson, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated August 5, 2005, that the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the #2 vacuum switch was defective, the CO and HC tailpipe emissions were excessive, the PCV system was disconnected, and the TAC unit was missing. As such, the vehicle would not pass the inspection required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

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#### SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

31. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about August 4, 2005, and August 5, 2005, Respondent's service writer failed to give the undercover operator copies of the work orders/invoices, identified in paragraphs 24 and 28 above, as soon as the operator signed the documents.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

32. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed an act which constitutes fraud, as follows: Respondent issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

33. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that on or about August 4, 2005, and August 5, 2005, Respondent failed to comply with section 9884.9, subdivision (a), of that Code. Respondent's service writer failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 34. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Robson, failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
  - c. <u>Section 44033, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent's employee/service writer failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 35. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog

    Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the

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Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck even though the vehicle had not been inspected in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 3340.42.

- c. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Robson, knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Robson, failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

36. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### **EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 37. Respondent Robson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.

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b. Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated August 5, 2005, as set forth in paragraph 30 above, resulting in the issuance of an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.

#### **NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 38. Respondent Robson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent 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 an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.
  - b. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
  - c. <u>3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.
  - d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

39. Respondent Robson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in

that he committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### ELEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 40. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which he knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated August 4, 2005, that the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck had passed the pretest inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the #2 vacuum switch on the vehicle was defective, the CO and HC exhaust tailpipe emissions were excessive, the PCV system was disconnected, and the TAC unit was missing.
- b. Respondent represented on Invoice No. 64237 that the carburetor on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck had been adjusted when, in fact, that repair was not performed on the vehicle.

#### TWELFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

41. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about August 4, 2005, Respondent's employee failed to give the undercover operator a copy of the work order/invoice, identified in paragraph 26 above, as soon as the operator signed the document.

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#### THIRTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

42. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that Respondent committed an act which constitutes fraud. Respondent charged and obtained payment from the undercover operator for adjusting the carburetor on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck when, in fact, that repair was not performed on the vehicle.

### **FOURTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Departure From Trade Standards)

43. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(7), in that Respondent willfully departed from or disregarded accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike repair without the consent of the owner or the owner's duly authorized representative, in the following material respects: Respondent failed to properly diagnose and repair the defect in the emissions control system on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck. Respondent determined that the carburetor needed adjustment in order to reduce the emissions on the vehicle. In fact, the #2 vacuum switch was defective, causing excessive CO and HC tailpipe emissions. Further, the only repair needed for the vehicle to pass an ASM smog inspection was the replacement of the defective switch, which Respondent failed to perform.

## FIFTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

44. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that on or about August 4, 2005, Respondent failed to comply with section 9884.9, subdivision (a), of that Code. Respondent's employee failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### SIXTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 45. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44016</u>: Respondent failed to perform the repairs on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with established specifications and procedures.
  - c. <u>Section 44033, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent's employee failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### SEVENTEENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 46. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of California Code of Regulations, title 16:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (d)</u>: Respondent failed to perform the repairs on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with established specifications and procedures.
  - b. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck.

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that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:

- a. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
- b. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Toyota pickup truck in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

### **UNDERCOVER OPERATION #2: 1992 CHEVROLET S10 PICKUP TRUCK**

- (hereinafter "the operator") took the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck to Respondent California Smog Certification's 1655 Broadway facility. A defective coolant temperature sensor ("CTS") had been installed in the Bureau-documented vehicle, causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits. The operator met with Respondent's service writer and requested a smog inspection. The operator completed and signed a work order/invoice, but did not receive a copy of the document or a written estimate for the inspection. After the smog inspection was completed, the service writer told the operator that the vehicle failed the inspection. The operator paid the service writer \$49.75 in cash and received a final invoice, VIR, and station list.
- 51. At approximately 1335 hours that same day, the operator took the vehicle to Zuniga's facility, Jesse Smog Station. The operator told Zuniga that the vehicle needed smog repairs. Zuniga's employee, "Roberto", checked the vehicle and looked under the hood. Roberto told the operator to buy a coolant sensor and he would install it in the vehicle.
- 52. On September 21, 2005, Bureau Representative Paul Stump ("Stump") inspected the vehicle. Stump found that the defective CTS was still in place; however, the sensor had been disturbed and the top part of the sensor had been separated from the lower part. Stump installed a new CTS in the engine.

- Station and told Zuniga that her boyfriend replaced the CTS. Zuniga asked the operator if she needed him to check the vehicle so that it would pass a smog inspection. The operator authorized Zuniga to perform the smog inspection. The operator completed and signed a work order/invoice, but did not receive a copy of the document or a written estimate. Roberto told the operator that they needed to fix the timing (ignition timing), which would cost \$80. The operator authorized the repair and while waiting at the facility, observed Zuniga perform a smog inspection on the vehicle. After the inspection was completed, the operator paid Roberto \$80 in cash and received copies of two invoices numbered 64924 and a VIR dated September 26, 2005, for a pretest inspection. The VIR indicated that the vehicle passed the pretest inspection and that the ignition timing was checked and passed the inspection at 10 degrees before top dead center ("BTDC"). The operator asked Zuniga what he had done to the vehicle. Zuniga told the operator that he replaced a hose and "the smog went down." Roberto told the operator that she should return to California Smog Certification.
- 54. On September 27, 2005, Stump reinspected the vehicle and found that the ignition timing test had not been performed, or performed properly, the thermostatic air cleaner ("ACL") cover was incorrectly installed, allowing fresh air to enter the throttle body without going through the ACL snorkel; and the vacuum hose to the hot air door actuator had been notched (the notch was deep enough to allow a vacuum leak at the hose). Stump performed an ASM smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the visual portion of the inspection due to the modified ACL.
- California Smog Certification's 1655 Broadway facility and requested a smog inspection. The catalytic converter on the vehicle had been gutted (all of the catalyst material had been removed from the emission control component), causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits. The operator completed and signed a work order/invoice which was given to her by the service writer, but did not receive a copy of the document or a written estimate. After the smog inspection was completed, the service writer told the operator that the

vehicle failed the inspection. The operator did not receive an invoice or VIR for the smog inspection performed that day.

#### TWENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

56. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about September 20, 2005, and October 4, 2005, Respondent's service writer failed to give the undercover operator copies of the work orders/invoices, identified in paragraphs 50 and 55 above, as soon as the operator signed the documents.

## TWENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

- 57. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of that Code, as follows:
  - a. Section 9884.8: On or about October 4, 2005, Respondent failed to provide the undercover operator with an invoice listing all service work performed and/or parts supplied on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck.
  - b. Section 9884.9, subdivision (a): On or about September 20, 2005, and October 4, 2005, Respondent's service writer failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### TWENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

58. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 44033, subdivision (c), of that Code, as follows:

On or about September 20, 2005, and October 4, 2005, Respondent's service writer failed to

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provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### TWENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

59. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that on or about October 4, 2005, Respondent failed to comply with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.41, subdivision (a), by failing to provide the undercover operator with a copy of the VIR following the smog inspection on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 60. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which he knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated September 26, 2005, that he performed the pretest inspection on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with all Bureau requirements. In fact, Respondent failed to perform, or properly perform, the functional ignition timing check on the vehicle in that he failed to disconnect the wire timing connector during the test.
- b. Respondent certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated September 26, 2005, that the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck had passed the visual portion of the smog inspection. In fact, the ACL cover was incorrectly installed, allowing fresh air to enter the throttle body without going through the ACL snorkel, and the vacuum hose to the hot air door actuator had been notched (the notch was deep enough to allow a vacuum leak at the hose).

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#### TWENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

61. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about September 26, 2005, Respondent failed to give the undercover operator a copy of the work order/invoice, identified in paragraph 53 above, as soon as the operator signed the document.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

62. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of that Code, as follows:

#### a. <u>Section 9884.8</u>:

- 1. On or about September 20, 2005, Respondent failed to provide the undercover operator with an invoice listing all service work performed on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck, i.e., the diagnosis of the emissions failure on the vehicle.
- 2. Respondent failed to record on Invoice No. 64924 all service work performed and/or parts supplied on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck, including the adjustment of the ignition timing and the replacement of the vacuum hose.
- b. <u>Section 9884.9, subdivision (a)</u>: On or about September 20, 2005, and September 26, 2005, Respondent failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

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#### TWENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 63. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - Section 44012: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests a. on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. Section 44033, subdivision (c): On or about September 20, 2005, and September 26, 2005, Respondent failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### TWENTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 64. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of California Code of Regulations, title 16:
  - a. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck.
  - b. Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

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#### THIRTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 65. Respondent Zuniga's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44059</u>: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated September 26, 2005, as set forth in paragraph 60 above.

### THIRTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 66. Respondent Zuniga's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1992 Chevrolet S10 pickup truck in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### **UNDERCOVER OPERATION #3: 1988 CHEVROLET CAPRICE**

- 67. On March 22, 2006, an undercover operator with the Bureau (hereinafter "the operator") took the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice to Respondent California Smog Certification's 1655 Broadway facility. The throttle positioning sensor ("TPS") ground circuit wire at the engine control module (on-board computer) of the Bureau-documented vehicle had been disconnected, causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits. Further, a defective bulb had been installed in the "service engine soon" light (Malfunction Indicator Lamp or "MIL"), preventing the MIL from operating. The operator met with Respondent's service writer, "Cynthia", and completed and signed a work order/invoice for a smog inspection on the vehicle. Cynthia did not provide the operator with a copy of the work order/invoice or a written estimate.
- 68. After the inspection was completed, one of Respondent's employees told the operator that the vehicle failed the inspection and that some work needed to be performed on the vehicle so that it would pass the smog inspection. The operator paid \$49.75 in cash and was given copies of a final invoice and a VIR.
- 69. At approximately 0935 hours that same day, the operator took the vehicle to Respondent Zuniga's facility, Jesse Smog Station, and requested smog repairs on the vehicle. A facility employee checked the vehicle and told the operator that there were problems with the carburetor. The employee stated that he could get the vehicle to pass the smog inspection and that he would only charge the operator \$80. The operator authorized the repairs on the vehicle, but did not receive a work order or estimate for the repairs. After the repairs were completed, the operator signed and received a copy of Invoice No. 67224 and paid the facility employee \$100 in cash. The operator also received a copy of a VIR dated March 22, 2006, for a pretest inspection on the vehicle. The VIR indicated that Respondent Zuniga performed the pretest inspection.
- 70. On March 23, 2006, Bureau Representative John Nelson ("Nelson") inspected the vehicle. Nelson found that the defective bulb in the MIL had been replaced, but that the TPS ground circuit wire to the computer was still disconnected. Nelson also found that the hot air tube to the thermostatic air cleaner ("TAC") was disconnected, that a jumper wire with

73. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7,

a test light had been connected to the mixture control solenoid ("M/C") dwell connector, with the other end connected to a ground, and that the vacuum hose to the early fuel evaporation valve ("EFE") was disconnected. Nelson performed an ASM smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle passed the emission test, but failed the visual inspection portion of the smog test due to the disconnected vacuum hose, modified sensor wiring, and disconnected TAC. The vehicle also failed the functional portion of the test because the MIL remained illuminated during the test.

71. On March 24, 2006, the operator returned the vehicle to Respondent California Smog Certification's 1655 Broadway facility. The operator met with Respondent's employee, Virgil Wayne White ("White"), and requested a smog inspection. White provided the operator with a work order/invoice, which the operator completed and signed. White did not give the operator a copy of the work order/invoice or a written estimate for the inspection. After the inspection was completed, the operator paid Cynthia \$8.25 in cash for the smog certificate and received copies of an invoice and a VIR dated March 24, 2006, signed or initialed by Respondent Wilson. That same day, electronic smog Certificate of Compliance #GC553940C was issued for the vehicle.

72. On March 30, 2006, Nelson reinspected the vehicle and found that the TPS ground circuit wire to the computer, the TAC hose, and the vacuum hose to the EFE valve were still disconnected and that the jumper wire with the test light was still connected to the M/C and grounded. Nelson also found that the vacuum hose to the exhaust gas recirculation ("EGR") valve, the electric solenoid to the EGR valve, and the evaporative hose to the carburetor float bowl vent were disconnected. Nelson performed an ASM smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the test for excessive exhaust emissions, the disconnected EGR valve, TAC, vacuum hoses, and carburetor float bowl vent, and the modified wiring to the sensors.

## THIRTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Untrue or Misleading Statements)

1 subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the 2 exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: 3 Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Wilson, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated March 24, 2006, that the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice 4 5 had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the TPS ground circuit wire to the computer, the hot air tube to the TAC, the vacuum hose to the 6 7 EFE, the vacuum hose to the EGR valve, the electric solenoid to the EGR valve, and the evaporative hose to the carburetor float bowl vent were disconnected. Further, a jumper wire 8 with a test light had been connected to the M/C dwell connector and grounded. As such, the 9 10 vehicle would not pass the inspection required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

## THIRTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

74. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about March 22, 2006, and March 24, 2006, Respondent's employees failed to give the undercover operator copies of the work orders/invoices, identified in paragraphs 67 and 71 above, as soon as the operator signed the documents.

# THIRTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Fraud)

75. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed an act which constitutes fraud, as follows: Respondent issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

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#### THIRTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

76. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that on or about March 22, 2006, and March 24, 2006, Respondent failed to comply with section 9884.9, subdivision (a), of that Code. Respondent's employees failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### THIRTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 77. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician,
     Respondent Wilson, failed to perform the emission control tests on the
     Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with procedures
     prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
  - c. <u>Section 44033, subdivision (c)</u>: On or about March 22, 2006, and March 24, 2006, Respondent's employees failed to provide the undercover operator with written estimates for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

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#### THIRTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 78. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog
     Certification falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog
     Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the
     Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice even though the vehicle had not been inspected in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 3340.42.
  - c. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Wilson, knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.
  - d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Wilson, failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

### THIRTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

79. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice

without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### THIRTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 80. Respondent Wilson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated March 24, 2006, as set forth in paragraph 73 above, resulting in the issuance of an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.

#### **FORTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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

- 81. Respondent Wilson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent 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 an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with Health & Saf.

Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.

- c. <u>3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### FORTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

82. Respondent Wilson's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in in that he committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### FORTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which he knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows: Respondent certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated March 22, 2006, that the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice had passed the pretest inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the TPS ground circuit wire to the computer, the hot air tube to the TAC, and the vacuum hose to the EFE were disconnected. Further, a jumper wire with a test light had been connected to the M/C dwell connector and grounded.

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#### FORTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Departure From Trade Standards)

- 84. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(7), in that Respondent willfully departed from or disregarded accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike repair without the consent of the owner or the owner's duly authorized representative, in the following material respects:
- a. Respondent failed to diagnose, or properly diagnose the defect in the emissions control system on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in that Respondent failed to determine that the TPS ground circuit wire at the engine control module was disconnected. Further, Respondent failed to repair the defect in the emissions control system by reestablishing ground for the TPS circuit at the engine control module.
- b. Respondent illegally modified the emissions control system on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice by disconnecting the hot air tube to the TAC and the vacuum hose to the EFE. Further, Respondent connected a jumper wire with a test light to the M/C dwell connector and grounded the wire.

#### FORTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

- 85. Respondent Zuniga's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of that Code, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 9884.8</u>: Respondent failed to record on Invoice No. 67224 all service work performed and/or parts supplied on the Bureau's 1988
    Chevrolet Caprice.
  - b. Section 9884.9, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### FORTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 86. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44016</u>: Respondent failed to perform the repairs on the Bureau's
     1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with established specifications
     and procedures.
  - c. <u>Section 44033, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent's employee failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### FORTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 87. Respondent Zuniga's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of California Code of Regulations, title 16:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.41, subdivision (d)</u>: Respondent failed to perform the repairs on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with established specifications and procedures.
  - b. <u>3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice.

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c. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### FORTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 88. Respondent Zuniga's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests
    on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with procedures
    prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44059</u>: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated March 22, 2006, as set forth in paragraph 83 above.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 89. Respondent Zuniga's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1988 Chevrolet Caprice in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

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#### RESPONDENT CALIFORNIA SMOG

#### CERTIFICATION'S 11 3RD AVENUE FACILITY

#### UNDERCOVER OPERATION #1: 1986 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO

- 90. On August 8, 2005, an undercover operator with the Bureau, using the alias "Nancy Cruz" (hereinafter "the operator"), took the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo to Respondent California Smog Certification's facility located at 11 3rd Avenue, Suite A, Chula Vista, California (hereinafter "11 3rd Avenue facility"). A defective emissions coolant temperature sensor had been installed in the Bureau-documented vehicle, causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits. Further, a faulty bulb had been installed in the MIL socket in the dash panel, preventing the MIL from functioning. The operator requested a smog inspection on the vehicle and signed and received a copy of a written estimate. After the inspection was completed, the operator was informed that the vehicle failed the inspection. The operator paid \$49.75 in cash for the inspection and received copies of an invoice and a VIR dated August 8, 2005, signed or initialed by Respondent Rivera.
- 91. On August 16, 2005, Bureau Representative Daniel Woods ("Woods") inspected the vehicle and found that the gas (fuel) cap had not been tested, the ignition timing had not been tested, or properly tested, and the MIL still was not functioning.
- 92. On August 22, 2005, the operator took the vehicle to Highland Mobil Service Station ("Highland Mobil"), a test and repair facility located at 2945 Highland Avenue, National City, California. That same day, Highland Mobile's employee, Ricardo, told the operator that the vehicle needed a new coolant temperature sensor, which the operator authorized. The operator paid Highland Mobil \$133.99 in cash for the repairs and received an invoice and a VIR. The VIR indicated that the vehicle passed a pre-test smog inspection.
- 93. On September 13, 2005, Woods inspected the vehicle and found that the defective coolant temperature sensor had been replaced, which corrected the vehicle's emissions failure.
- 94. On September 29, 2005, another undercover operator with the Bureau, using the alias "Brenda Cruz" (hereinafter "the operator"), took the vehicle to Respondent

California Smog Certification's 11 3rd Avenue facility. A defective emissions coolant temperature sensor had been installed in the vehicle, causing the exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits. Further, a faulty bulb had been installed in the MIL socket in the dash panel, preventing the MIL from functioning. The operator told a female service writer that she was there for her sister and that the vehicle had failed a smog test, but had been repaired. The operator requested a smog re-test on the vehicle and signed and received a copy of a written estimate. After the smog inspection was completed, the operator was informed that the vehicle passed the inspection. The operator paid \$8.25 in cash for the smog certificate and received copies of an invoice and a VIR dated September 29, 2005, signed or initialed by Respondent Garcia. That same day, electronic smog Certificate of Compliance #FY422301C was issued for the vehicle.

95. On October 31, 2005, Woods performed an ASM smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the emissions test as a gross polluter. Woods inspected the vehicle and found that the MIL still was not functioning, the defective coolant temperature sensor was still in place, and the fuel cap had not been tested.

#### FORTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 96. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Rivera, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated August 8, 2005, that he performed the smog inspection on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with all Bureau requirements. In fact, Respondent Rivera failed to perform the functional fuel cap integrity test and failed to perform, or properly perform, the functional ignition timing test on the vehicle.
- b. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Rivera, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated August 8, 2005, that the information

- c. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Garcia, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated September 29, 2005, that the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the MIL was not functioning, the emissions coolant temperature sensor was defective, and the exhaust tailpipe emissions were in excess of the gross polluter limits at the time the vehicle was taken to the 11rd Avenue facility on the above date. As such, the vehicle would not pass the inspection required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
- d. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Garcia, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated September 29, 2005, that he performed the smog inspection on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with all Bureau requirements. In fact, Respondent Garcia failed to perform the functional fuel cap integrity test on the vehicle.

#### FIFTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

97. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed an act which constitutes fraud, as follows: Respondent issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

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#### FIFTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 98. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technicians,
    Respondents Rivera and Garcia, failed to perform the emission control
    tests on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with
    procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

#### FIFTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 99. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. Section 3340.24, subdivision (c): Respondent California Smog

    Certification falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of

    compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.
  - b. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent California Smog

    Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the

    Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo even though the vehicle had not

    been inspected in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 3340.42.

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c. <u>3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog

Certification's technicians, Respondents Rivera and Garcia, knowingly
entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the
Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

100. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### FIFTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 101. Respondent Rivera's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that on or about August 8, 2005, he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as follows:
  - a. Section 44012: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44059</u>: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated dated August 8, 2005, as set forth in subparagraphs 96 (a) and (b) above.

#### FIFTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

102. Respondent Rivera's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in

1	that on or about Au	gust 8, 2005, Respondent failed to comply with provisions of California Code
2	of Regulations, title	e 16, as follows:
3	a.	Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to inspect
4		and test the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with
5		Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of
6		Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
7	b.	3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered into the
8		emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1986
9		Chevrolet Monte Carlo.
10	c.	Section 3340.42: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on
11		the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with the Bureau's
12		specifications.
13		FIFTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
14		(Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)
15	103.	Respondent Garcia's advanced emission specialist technician license is
16	subject to disciplinar	ry action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in
17	that on or about Sept	tember 29, 2005, he failed to comply with provisions of that Code as
18	follows:	
19	a.	Section 44012: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests
20		on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with
21		procedures prescribed by the department.
22	b.	Section 44059: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated
23		September 29, 2005, as set forth in subparagraphs 96 (c) and (d) above,
24		resulting in the issuance of an electronic smog certificate of compliance
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#### FIFTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 104. Respondent Garcia's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that on or about September 29, 2005, Respondent 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 an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.
  - b. Section 3340.30, subdivision (a): Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with Health & Saf. Code sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.
  - c. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1986
     Chevrolet Monte Carlo.
  - d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### FIFTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

105. Respondent Garcia's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that on or about September 29, 2005, he committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission

control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### UNDERCOVER OPERATION #2: 1984 BUICK REGAL

alias "Heather Rios" (hereinafter "the operator"), took the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal to Respondent California Smog Certification's 11 3rd Avenue facility. The fuel control wire from the engine control module ("ECM") to the mixture control solenoid in the carburetor on the Bureau-documented vehicle had been damaged, causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits and the MIL to remain illuminated, indicating a problem with the emission control systems. The operator signed and received a copy of a written estimate for a smog inspection on the vehicle, which had been given to her by Respondent's service writer. After the inspection was completed, the service writer told the operator that the vehicle failed the inspection and that the check engine light had a blown fuse and needed replacement. The operator paid \$49.75 in cash and received a copy of an invoice and VIR.

the alias "Felix Rios" (hereinafter "the operator"), took the vehicle to Highland Mobil. The operator told one of the technicians that the vehicle had failed a smog inspection and that he needed to have the vehicle checked. The operator signed and received a copy of a written estimate, totaling \$78, to diagnose the cause of the emissions failure. At approximately 1203 hours that same day, the operator received a telephone call from the technician. The technician told the operator that there were problems with the computer and carburetor on the vehicle and gave the operator a verbal estimate of \$152 to replace the computer, which the operator authorized. After the repairs were completed, the operator paid \$222.16 in cash and received copies of an invoice and VIR for a pretest inspection on the vehicle. The VIR indicated that the vehicle passed the pretest inspection.

108. On February 17, 2006, Bureau Representative Daniell Rogers inspected the vehicle and found that the damaged fuel control wire from the ECM to the mixture control solenoid had been repaired and the MIL bulb had been replaced.

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Rios" (hereinafter "operator"), took the vehicle to Respondent California Smog Certification's 11 3rd Avenue facility. The mixture control ("M/C") solenoid on the vehicle had been damaged, causing the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross polluter limits and the MIL to remain illuminated, indicating a problem with the emission control systems. The operator met with Respondent's service writer and requested a smog re-test on the vehicle. The operator did not receive an estimate for the re-test inspection. A short while later, the service writer told the operator that the vehicle had passed the inspection. The operator signed a work order for the inspection, but was not provided with a copy of the document. The operator paid \$8.25 for the smog certificate and received copies of an invoice and a VIR dated March 27, 2006, signed or initialed by Respondent Delgado. That same day, electronic smog Certificate of Compliance #GC644240C was issued for the vehicle.

110. On March 27, 2006, Rogers performed an ASM smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the emissions test as a gross polluter, failed the functional MIL test (the MIL was illuminated during the test), and failed the visual portion of the inspection due to a missing gas (fuel) cap.

#### **FIFTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

111. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:

Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR dated March 27, 2006, that the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the M/C solenoid in the carburetor was defective, the exhaust tailpipe emissions were in excess of the gross polluter limits, the MIL was still illuminated on the vehicle, and the fuel cap was

missing. As such, the vehicle would not pass the inspection required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

#### SIXTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

112. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that on or about March 27, 2006, Respondent's service writer failed to give the undercover operator a copy of the work order, identified in paragraph 109 above, as soon as the operator signed the document.

#### SIXTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

113. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed an act which constitutes fraud, as follows: Respondent issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### SIXTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

114. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that on or about March 27, 2006, Respondent failed to comply with section 9884.9, subdivision (a), of that Code. Respondent's service writer failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

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#### SIXTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 115. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1984 Buick
     Regal without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

#### SIXTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 116. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog
     Certification falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal.
  - b. Section 3340.35, subdivision (c): Respondent California Smog

    Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the

    Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal even though the vehicle had not been

    inspected in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 3340.42.

c. <u>3340.41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal.

#### SIXTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

117. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### SIXTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 118. Respondent Delgado's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1984 Buick Regal in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44059</u>: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR dated dated March 27, 2006, as set forth in paragraph 111 above, resulting in the issuance of a fraudulent certificate of compliance for the vehicle.

#### SIXTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

119. Respondent Delgado's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in

#### **UNDERCOVER OPERATION #3: 1992 TOYOTA COROLLA**

"operator"), took the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla to Respondent California Smog
Certification's 11 3rd Avenue facility. The signal hose to the VSV plug, a solenoid vacuum
valve used by the electronic control unit to control the EGR system, was routed to the wrong port
on the Bureau-documented vehicle, preventing the EGR valve from functioning. Further, the
oxygen sensor ground was switched with the oxygen sensor signal wire in the wire harness
connector. Both defects caused the vehicle's exhaust tailpipe emissions to exceed the gross
polluter limits. There were no other problems with the emission control systems on the vehicle
and the ignition timing was set to manufacturer's specifications (10 degrees before top dead
center). The operator requested a smog inspection on the vehicle. Respondent's service writer
had the operator complete and sign a work order for the inspection, but did not provide the
operator with a copy of the work order or a written estimate. After a while, the service writer
told the operator that the smog test would take more time because they needed to "reheat" the
vehicle.

- 122. After the inspection was completed, the operator paid \$58 in cash and received copies of Invoice No. 343821 and a VIR signed or initialed by Respondent Delgado. That same day, electronic smog Certificate of Compliance #GD440987C was issued for the vehicle.
- 123. On April 27, 2006, Bureau Representative Robert Badham ("Badham") reviewed the invoice and VIR. Badham noticed that the VIR indicated that the engine size on the Bureau's vehicle was 2.2 liters when, in fact, the vehicle is equipped with a 1.6 liter engine. Further, both the invoice and VIR referred to the vehicle as a "Camry" rather than a "Corolla". Badham also noticed that the engine RPM readings on the VIR were 2501 and 2384, indicating that the vehicle was tested in first and second gears instead of "drive".

<sup>4.</sup> The fact that the engine size was entered into the emission inspection system as 2.2 liter rather, than 1.6 liter as indicated on the under-hood label, may have lowered the maximum allowable limit for NOX by approximately 35 PPM (parts per million).

124. On April 28, 2006, Badham performed a smog check inspection on the vehicle. The vehicle failed the functional MIL test, the functional ignition timing test, and the emissions test due to high NOX. Badham found that Respondent California Smog Certification had adjusted the ignition timing on the vehicle<sup>5/</sup> and that the ignition timing had not been adjusted to manufacturer's specifications.

#### SIXTY-NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Untrue or Misleading Statements)

- 125. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(1), in that Respondent made or authorized statements which it knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known to be untrue or misleading, as follows:
- a. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR that the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla had passed inspection and was in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In fact, the ignition timing on the vehicle was not adjusted to manufacturer's specifications. The ignition timing had been adjusted or set to 5 degrees BTDC when the manufacturer's specifications are 10 degrees BDTC. Further, the MIL was illuminated, indicating a problem with the vehicle's emissions system, and the NOX tailpipe emissions were in excess of the maximum allowable limit. As such, the vehicle would not pass the inspection required by Health & Saf. Code section 44012.
- b. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent

  Delgado, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR that the ignition timing on the Bureau's

<sup>5.</sup> Health & Saf. Code section 44014.5, subdivision (b), states: "The repair of vehicles at test-only facilities shall be prohibited, except that the minor repair of components damaged by station personnel during inspection at the station, any minor repair that is necessary for the safe operation of a vehicle while at a station, or other minor repairs, such as the reconnection of hoses or vacuum lines, may be undertaken at no charge to the vehicle owner or operator if authorized in advance in writing by the department."

California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.16, subdivision (d), states: "A smog check test-only station shall not engage in any automotive repair work".

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1992 Toyota Corolla was 10 degrees BTDC when, in fact, the ignition timing had been set to 5 degrees BTDC, as set forth in subparagraph (a) above.

- c. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR that he performed the smog inspection on the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla in accordance with all Bureau requirements. In fact, Delgado failed to start the inspection with the automatic transmission in drive (or overdrive if the RPM exceeds 3000 RPM).
- d. Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, certified under penalty of perjury on the VIR that the information listed on the VIR was true and correct and that the Bureau's vehicle was a 1992 Toyota Camry with a 2.2 liter engine. In fact, the vehicle was a 1992 Toyota Corolla with a 1.6 liter engine.

#### SEVENTIETH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Failure to Provide Copy of Signed Document)

126. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(3), in that Respondent's service writer failed to give the undercover operator a copy of the work order as soon as the operator signed the document.

### SEVENTY-FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Fraud)

127. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(4), in that it committed an act which constitutes fraud, as follows: Respondent issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

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#### SEVENTY-SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Bus. & Prof. Code)

128. Respondent California Smog Certification's automotive repair dealer registration is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Bus. & Prof. Code section 9884.7, subdivision (a)(6), in that Respondent failed to comply with section 9884.9, subdivision (a), of that Code. Respondent's service writer failed to provide the undercover operator with a written estimate for parts and/or labor necessary for a specific job.

#### SEVENTY-THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 129. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that Respondent failed to comply with the following sections of that Code:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. 44014.5, subdivision (b): Respondent California Smog Certification repaired the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla by adjusting the ignition timing on the vehicle, as set forth in paragraph 124 above, when, in fact, Respondent was not legally authorized to repair the vehicle as it is licensed as a test only facility.
  - c. <u>Section 44015</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla without properly testing and inspecting the vehicle to determine if it was in compliance with Health & Saf. Code section 44012.

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#### SEVENTY-FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 130. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 16, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 3340.16, subdivision (d)</u>: Respondent California Smog

    Certification engaged in automotive repair work by adjusting the ignition
    timing on the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla, as set forth in paragraph 124
    above, when, in fact, Respondent was not legally authorized to repair the
    vehicle as it is licensed as a test only facility.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.24, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog
     Certification falsely or fraudulently issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla.
  - c. <u>Section 3340.35, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog

    Certification issued an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the

    Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla even though the vehicle had not been

    inspected in accordance with Health & Saf. Code section 3340.42.
  - d. <u>3340,41, subdivision (c)</u>: Respondent California Smog Certification's technician, Respondent Delgado, knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla.

#### SEVENTY-FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

131. Respondent California Smog Certification's smog check station license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that Respondent committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by

issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### SEVENTY-SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Violations of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program)

- 132. Respondent Delgado's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (a), in that he failed to comply with provisions of that Code, as follows:
  - a. <u>Section 44012</u>: Respondent failed to perform the emission control tests on the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department.
  - b. <u>Section 44059</u>: Respondent willfully made false entries on the VIR, as set forth in paragraph 125 above, resulting in the issuance of a fraudulent certificate of compliance for the vehicle.

#### SEVENTY-SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

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

- 133. Respondent Delgado's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (c), in that Respondent 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 an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla.
  - b. <u>Section 3340.30, subdivision (a)</u>: Respondent failed to inspect and test the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla in accordance with Health & Saf. Code

sections 44012 and 44035, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 3340.42.

- c. 3340.41, subdivision (c): Respondent knowingly entered into the emissions inspection system false information about the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla.
- d. <u>Section 3340.42</u>: Respondent failed to conduct the required smog tests on the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla in accordance with the Bureau's specifications.

#### SEVENTY-EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Dishonesty, Fraud or Deceit)

134. Respondent Delgado's advanced emission specialist technician license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.2, subdivision (d), in that he committed a dishonest, fraudulent or deceitful act whereby another is injured by issuing an electronic smog certificate of compliance for the Bureau's 1992 Toyota Corolla without performing a bona fide inspection of the emission control devices and systems on the vehicle, thereby depriving the People of the State of California of the protection afforded by the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- Director may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Respondent California Smog Certification, Inc. upon a finding that said Respondent has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 136. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TD 221240, issued to Respondent California Smog Certification Inc., is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

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- 137. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 085454, issued to Karl Duer Robson, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 138. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 137341, issued to Loren Thomas Wilson, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- Director may refuse to validate, or may invalidate temporarily or permanently, the registrations for all places of business operated in this state by Respondent Jesus Benito Zuniga, also known as Jesus B. Zuniga, owner of Jesse Smog Station, upon a finding that said Respondent has, or is, engaged in a course of repeated and willful violations of the laws and regulations pertaining to an automotive repair dealer.
- 140. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number RE 160498, issued to Respondent Jesus Benito Zuniga, also known as Jesus B. Zuniga, owner of Jesse Smog Station, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 141. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 304458, issued to Jesus Benito Zuniga, also known as Jesus B. Zuniga, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 142. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TF 216533, issued to Respondent California Smog Certification, Inc., is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

- 143. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 148756, issued to Jeremiah Edgar Rivera, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 144. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 143159, issued to Jaime Garcia, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.
- 145. Pursuant to Health & Saf. Code section 44072.8, if Advanced Emission Specialist Technician License Number EA 148105, issued to Diego Salvado Delgado, is revoked or suspended, any additional license issued under this chapter in the name of said licensee may be likewise revoked or suspended by the Director.

#### **PRAYER**

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

- 1. Temporarily or permanently invalidating Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number AD 221240, issued to California Smog Certification, Inc.;
- 2. Temporarily or permanently invalidating any other automotive repair dealer registration issued in the name of California Smog Certification, Inc., including, but not limited to, Automotive Repair Dealer Registration Number AF 216533;
- Revoking or suspending Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number
   TD 221240, issued to California Smog Certification, Inc.;
- 4. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of the Health and Safety Code in the name of California Smog Certification, Inc., including, but not limited to, Smog Check, Test Only, Station License Number TF 216533;
- Revoking or suspending Advanced Emission Specialist Technician
   License Number EA 085454, issued to Karl Duer Robson;

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1	18. Revoking or suspending Advanced Emission Specialist Technician
2	License Number EA 143159, issued to Jaime Garcia;
3	19. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of
4	the Health and Safety Code in the name of Jaime Garcia;
5	20. Revoking or suspending Advanced Emission Specialist Technician
6	License Number EA 148105, issued to Diego Salvado Delgado;
7	21. Revoking or suspending any additional license issued under Chapter 5 of
8	the Health and Safety Code in the name of Diego Salvado Delgado;
9	22. Ordering Respondents California Smog Certification, Inc., Karl Duer
10	Robson, Loren Thomas Wilson, Jesus Benito Zuniga, also known as Jesus B. Zuniga,
11	individually, and as owner of Jesse Smog Station, Jeremiah Edgar Rivera, Jaime Garcia, and/or
12	Diego Salvado Delgado, to pay the Bureau of Automotive Repair the reasonable costs of the
13	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
14	125.3;
15	23. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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17	DATED: 9-26-07
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20	Chief Bureau of Automotive Repair
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