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INGLEWOOD SMOG CHECK STATION'S LICENSE SUSPENDED

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Automotive Repair has suspended the licenses of an Inglewood Smog Check station owner for cheating the state's Smog Check Program.

Bureau investigators found that Andrew Saravia, the owner of Good Vibes Star Test Only in Inglewood, fraudulently tested 15 vehicles between March 16, 2015 and April 28, 2015 using the "clean plugging" method.

"Clean plugging" is when a vehicle that would not pass a Smog Check on its own, or is not present for testing, is fraudulently certified as passing. To accomplish this, a technician or other individual plugs the On-Board Diagnostic generation II (OBD II) system into a different vehicle from the one that is being tested.

"Clean plugging is illegal and cannot be tolerated," said Bureau Chief Patrick Dorais. "This fraudulent conduct undermines the many honorable smog stations and technicians performing accurate inspections on thousands of cars every day. It threatens the quality of air we all breathe."

An Administrative Law Judge granted the Bureau's request for Interim Suspension Orders, effective October 14, 2015, to suspend Good Vibes Star Test Only Automotive Repair Dealer registration and Smog Check license along with Andrew Saravia's Smog Check Inspector license. The Bureau will now proceed with its efforts to permanently revoke all of those licenses.

Good Vibes Star Test Only is located at 4761 Century Boulevard, Suite #C, in Inglewood.

The Department of Consumer Affairs promotes and protects the interests of California Consumers. Consumers who wish to file a complaint against an auto repair facility can contact the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair at (800) 952-5210. Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.bar.ca.gov.

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