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Prestige Automobile Corporation Convicted of Tampering with Public Records

March 01, 2019, Tamuning, Guam- Late this afternoon, a change of plea took place in the case against Shens Corporation, also known as Prestige Automobile. Prestige Auto presented fraudulent registration applications to the Department of Revenue and Taxation in order to fake the sale of vehicles on Guam and then sell them off-island in a gray market scheme. This was done dozens of times.

The corporation was convicted of Tampering with Public Records as Third Degree Felony. Prestige must pay a fine of \$10,000 into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, a program that offers financial assistance to victims of violent crimes and their families.

“This result goes to show that no person or organization is above or outside the law. The People are very happy to have a conviction in this matter, which will hopefully dissuade others from blurring the lines between proper business practices and criminal activity. The charges and conclusion to this matter will ensure that each person can be more confident in the reliability of their business dealings,” said Prosecuting Attorney Sean Brown.

“No matter what pressures businesses face in the current economic climate, it is never acceptable to seek an unlawful competitive advantage,” he finished.

“I want to thank the Department of Revenue and Taxation Criminal Investigation Branch, as well staff in the Motor Vehicle Division who recognized the fraudulent activity and forwarded this case to our office for prosecution,” said former Chief Prosecutor Joe McDonald, who handled the case.

“A special thanks to the Federal Bureau of Investigations who was instrumental in the investigation and prosecution of this case, as well Guam Customs and Quarantine, the United States Postal Inspector, BMW Corporation, and the OAG Investigators,” he continued.

Defendant Ana Christine Absalon, a former employee, pled guilty in connection with this case in Superior Court and in a related case in District Court. The District Court case, CR17-43, resulted in Guam’s first-ever tax crime dealing with taxpayer information. She is waiting to be sentenced in the District Court case.

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