



Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration

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ILLEGAL REPAIR SHOP LOCKED DOWN

Columbus – The Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration, in conjunction with the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine’s Office, the Belmont County Common Pleas Court and the Belmont County Sheriff’s Department, carried out a court order Wednesday to lock down an illegal auto repair facility.

An injunction was granted against Caz Krupinski, owner of Martin’s Auto Service in Lansing for failing to register with the Board. When the owner failed to meet the registration requirements after the injunction, the Board filed a “Contempt of Court” complaint. The Court issued a deadline for the owner to become compliant with the Board and pay back fees. When the deadline passed without compliance, the Board was granted a “Lock-down” order. The business will remain locked down until it becomes registered.

Michael Greene, Executive Director of the agency, indicated, “Enforcement efforts against illegal repair facilities have increased, and that trend will continue. It is not the Board’s intention to close down repair shops, but rather bring them into compliance with state and federal regulations.” He added, “It’s a consumer issue, and I would suggest everyone visit our website at www.collisionboard.ohio.gov prior to selecting a repair facility. Consumers can check for registered shops at our e-licensing verification link, and learn the rights of a motorist when seeking auto repairs.”

The Ohio Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration was created in 1999 to regulate the collision repair industry and provide consumer protection. The Board is entirely funded by registration fees from collision shops, auto glass businesses, paintless dent repair companies and airbag replacement units throughout Ohio. The Board is made up of five collision repair shop owners, one mechanical repair shop owner, and one person to represent the public, who has no financial interest in the auto repair industry.

For additional information, please visit our website, www.collisionboard.ohio.gov.

MISSION STATEMENT

Effectively and efficiently enforce Ohio laws by implementing Common Sense Initiatives to enhance consumer protection and promote industry growth and compliance.



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