



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 Richard Cordray's Office, the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, carried out a court order Monday to lock down three illegal auto repair facilities.

Injunctions were granted against Jesse Paige, owner of Jesse's Auto Body; Mike Weigel, owner of Mike's Auto Body & Repair; and Will Scruggs, owner of Will's Auto Repair & Body Shop; all of Cincinnati, for failing to register with the Board. When the owners failed to meet the registration requirements after the injunction, the Board filed a "Contempt of Court" complaint. The Court issued a deadline for the owners 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 businesses will remain locked down until they are registered.

Michael Greene, Executive Director of the agency, indicated, "Enforcement efforts against illegal repair facilities increased in 2007 and 2008, and the 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 Turnaround Ohio initiatives to enhance consumer protection and promote industry growth and compliance.