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Arlington used car dealer accused of fake vehicle inspections.

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Attorney General Greg Abbott filed a lawsuit Thursday against the owner of two Arlington used car dealerships and a state licensed inspection station charging the firms with selling vehicles that had not undergone or failed to pass state emissions tests and safety inspections.

The suit alleges that Hussein K. Mahrouq is owner of Automax and Dollar Rent A Car Sales and A Quick Inspection.

The dealerships, according to the allegations in the lawsuit, have sold cars with current inspection stickers on them that either were not inspected or failed to pass inspection.

Mahrouq's businesses would collaborate and use false vehicle identification numbers to obtain current inspection stickers for cars that either failed or were not subjected to the tests, according to the A.G.'s office. Those vehicles were then sold through the used car dealerships.

Automax and Dollar Rent A Car Sales are located at 108 N. Collins in Arlington. A Quick Inspection is located at 302 W. Randol Mill Road.

As a result of these actions, the state says consumers have been sold vehicles that may not meet emissions standards and may require costly repairs.

During a 16-month period, according to the lawsuit, A Quick Inspection issued false inspection stickers for 97 vehicles; 82 of them were owned, sold, or offered for sale by Automax and Dollar. -- Bob Cox

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