

Used auto mechanic admits to cheating Oregon DEQ emissions tests

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PORTLAND, Ore. – A mechanic pleaded guilty to putting an emissions simulator to pass vehicle emissions tests for dozens of cars that otherwise would have failed, Oregon State Police said.

Sergey Fesik was sentenced to a month in jail, a \$1,100 fine, and two years' probation.

The 39-year-old mechanic was working at Drive Credit and Global Auto Motors in Portland.

The investigation started in August of 2015 when the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) reported an auto dealer may have been using an emissions simulator to pass vehicles through testing.

Over the course of the investigation, state police found 57 cars that had used the simulator to pass DEQ emissions. Subsequent interviews with employees at the used auto dealership pointed to Fesik as the suspect in the case.

While most of the instances were outside the statute of limitations, police were still able to charge Fesik with 9 instances of using the emissions simulator.

From Oregon State Police:

The Oregon Department of Justice Environmental and Cultural Resources Enforcement Unit and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the case. The Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality work in partnership to investigate and enforce Oregon's Environmental laws. You can report pollution complaints, to the DEQ Hotline at 1-888-997-7888 or to the Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888.