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**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ANNOUNCE \$1,600,000 SETTLEMENT WITH
CARMAX RELATING TO ILLEGALLY DISPOSED HAZARDOUS WASTES**

BAKERSFIELD – District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced today that her office, along with 16 other district attorney offices in California, settled an environmental protection action against CarMax Auto Superstores California, LLC. The settlement was based on the unlawful handling and disposal of various hazardous materials and hazardous wastes. The action was filed in the Orange County Superior Court.

CarMax Auto Superstores California, LLC is an automotive retailer that operates more than 190 dealerships in at least 28 states, including California. In the ordinary course of business, CarMax handles, transports, stores, manages, uses, and disposes of hazardous materials. Additionally, CarMax generates regulated quantities of hazardous waste from its automotive inspection, service, and repair departments.

Numerous inspections by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control along with local environmental regulators found that CarMax facilities were out of compliance with the hazardous materials and hazardous waste laws. Undercover inspections of CarMax's trash containers also revealed the illegal disposal of hazardous auto body sanding dust, sanding pads, automotive paints, clear coats, solvents, non-empty aerosols, other hazardous substances used during the auto body repair process, and confidential customer information.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said, "Laws concerning the proper disposal of hazardous wastes are designed to protect us all, and our Environmental Enforcement Unit will continue to work with other prosecutors and agencies to enforce those laws."

In accordance with the Hazardous Waste Control Law and the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plans and Inventory Law, the stipulated judgment mandates training, reporting, and compliance with the laws concerning hazardous materials and hazardous

wastes. The settlement totaling \$1,600,000 requires CarMax to pay \$1,000,000 in civil penalties and \$300,000 for investigative costs. CarMax will also make an additional payment of \$300,000 to fund supplemental environmental projects furthering consumer protection and environmental enforcement in California. CarMax was cooperative throughout the investigation and implemented training and compliance programs at each of its facilities.

The case was brought in conjunction with the district attorney offices of Orange, Placer, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Fresno, Stanislaus, Ventura, Sacramento, Alameda, San Diego, Solano, Sonoma, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, where CarMax facilities are located. The case is *People v. CarMax Auto Superstores California, LLC*, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-01135068-CU-BT-CJC.