

OI-JB-P2-002: Why "Success" Is Not Evidence

Canonical Precedent #002 - Fake Green / False PASS - Prompt-to-Authority Issue Card - Public Edition v1.1

A green status is not proof. Evidence must support the state.

Case Snapshot

CASE ID	OI-JB-P2-002
CARD TYPE	Prompt-to-Authority Issue Card
PUBLIC STATUS	Canonical public precedent - Public Edition v1.1
FAILURE CLASS	Fake Green / False PASS
DECISION	FAIL

Public Summary

This case explains why AI workflows cannot be trusted merely because they display a green result. PASS, complete, ready, verified, closed, and successful are status claims. They are not authority unless evidence supports them.

Orange exists to stop unsupported success from becoming operational truth. A green state is valid only when the claimed state is backed by matching evidence.

Core Judgment

FAIL: Fake Green / False PASS.

A green or PASS-like state is invalid when the claimed completion is not backed by the required evidence boundary.

The failure is not ordinary failure. The failure is presenting unsupported success as operational truth.

What Happened

A workflow displayed or implied a green state. The required evidence was missing, partial, local-only, or contradicted. The system treated status language as proof, and the claimed completion outran what the evidence could support.

Public Orange Judgment

ALLOWED	Report PASS only when the necessary public proof points are present. Report partial progress as partial progress. Report blocked state when proof is missing.
FORBIDDEN	Claim completion, closure, verified state, ready state, or clean final state when required evidence is missing, contradicted, or only local.
REQUIRED	Map the claimed status to its required evidence boundary, compare available evidence against the claim, and downgrade unsupported green states.

Public Intervention Boundary

Orange does not treat a green word as a green fact. It checks whether the status claim is supported by evidence at the same level of authority.

Claimed Status -> Evidence Requirement -> Evidence Comparison -> Boundary Check -> Issue Card or Release Log

Public Intervention Steps

1	Parse the green or PASS-like status claim.
2	Identify the proof type and proof level the claim requires.
3	Compare the available evidence against the claimed status.
4	Downgrade unsupported green to partial, blocked, FAIL, or needs verification.
5	Mark contradicted green claims as Fake Green / False PASS.
6	Prevent green language when evidence is insufficient.

Reusable Rule

Status Claim + Missing Evidence = Fake Green

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Precedent Value

This card establishes the second Prompt-to-Authority principle: status language must not become authority unless the evidence boundary supports it.

Public Boundary Notice

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