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Former Owner of South El Monte Beauty School Charged with Submitting Fraudulent Training Documents

SACRAMENTO –The previous owner of a cosmetology school in South El Monte was arrested last month after selling proof of training documents to students who did not complete any training. Kirk Yang, the former owner of UBC-South El Monte, is facing felony charges filed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

An investigation by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Division of Investigation determined that from 2008-2011, Yang received thousands of dollars from students who did not complete the required training hours in exchange for proof of training documents.

"This fraudulent conduct undermines the many honorable applicants who are doing the right thing by completing all their required training," said Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Executive Officer Kristy Underwood.

The Department of Consumer Affairs promotes and protects the interests of California Consumers. Consumers can file complaints against licensees by contacting the Department of Consumer Affairs at (800) 952-5210.

Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.dca.ca.gov.