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### **Owner of Milpitas Beauty School Charged with Submitting Fraudulent Training Documents**

SACRAMENTO –The owner of a cosmetology school in Milpitas was arrested earlier this month after selling proof of training documents to students who did not complete any training. Helena Tran, owner of Victoria Beauty College, is facing felony charges filed by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

An undercover investigation by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Division of Investigation on behalf of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education led to her arrest. The Bureau provides oversight and regulation for private postsecondary schools.

During the undercover operation, Tran agreed to provide the fraudulent proof of training document to an undercover investigator for \$3,000. State law requires that students participate in a minimum of 1600 hours of training before receiving a proof of training document in cosmetology. The undercover investigator was not required to attend any classes prior to receiving the proof of training document.

"Consumers should be confident in the services they are paying for and be assured licensees are qualified and have been adequately trained," said Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Executive Officer Kristy Underwood. "It's also a matter of public safety; people who are not properly trained could be putting others at risk."

Tran was arraigned on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

*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](http://www.dca.ca.gov).*

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