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### **SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FOR-PROFIT SCHOOL SHUTS DOWN MAIN AND BRANCH CAMPUSES TO SETTLE DISCIPLINARY CASE**

*State took action as the result of co-owner's conviction on criminal charges*

UPLAND – The Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education has settled a case involving San Bernardino County's Sunny College, forcing the closure of the school.

As part of a [stipulated settlement](#) with the Bureau, co-owners Devdat Maheshwari and Vidhya Maheshwari agreed to surrender their licenses to operate Sunny College in Upland and Victorville. The surrender became effective August 23.

The Bureau [worked to revoke](#) the school's license approval, due to Devdat Maheshwari's April, 2009 conviction on workers compensation insurance fraud charges. California law allows the Bureau to take disciplinary action against a licensee if he or she has been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties to be licensed.

"Many of the institutions regulated by the Bureau accept public funds," said Bureau Chief Laura Metune. "Our authority to deny or revoke a license for a conviction related to the duties of the license allows us to ensure that those who can't be trusted with public funds are not in a position to receive them."

According to the state Department of Insurance, Devdat Maheshwari made false or misleading statements in support of a fraudulent claim of more than \$30,000. He was sentenced to 180 days in county jail, 320 hours of community service, three years of formal probation, and \$1000 in civil and criminal fines. Mr. Maheshwari also paid more than \$30,400 in restitution to the State Compensation Insurance Fund at the time of sentencing.

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