California: Pastor Accused In Visa Scheme

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Immigration authorities accused a California pastor of helping foreigners fraudulently obtain student visas and of handing out phony diplomas at a fake graduation ceremony on a campus where they never attended class. The pastor, Samuel Chai Cho Oh, 65, faces a charge of conspiracy to commit visa fraud for allegedly charging foreigners cash to help get them student visas on the premise that they would attend the Christian university he owns in Fullerton. But more than 100 students from countries including South Korea and Japan never took classes at California Union University, which served as a shell for them to stay in the country legally, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said. The authorities said Mr. Oh received \$40,000 to \$50,000 a month in the scheme. Adriaan F. van der Capellen, Mr. Oh's lawyer, said his client was not guilty.

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