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Jan 26, 15, 12:13 pm #1

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Mysterious circumstances indeed.

After taking \$80K+ for each student, the owner of their flight school, Minh Duc Nguyen, takes off without a trace after closing the school. Of course, there's FAA involved as well, taking away away the school's certification shorter before this all went down.

On Yelp, seems like the school, Ahart Aviation, went down the toilet after the current owner buys it.

21 of the pilots were sent by VJ.

VN is apparently stepping in to help all the students out by offering to pay half the tuition at another flight school. That won't help a lot of them in the end.

The Alameda County DA is looking for Nguyen, probably the FAA too.

Sounds like the guy bought the school for the sole purpose of exacting tuition fees from these students... the plan was probably to disappear from the beginning.

My full blog post:

79 Pilot Trainees in Limbo in California After Their Flight School Closes

Disclosure per FT rules: The link above goes to a blog, VNAFlyer, to which I am a regular contributor.



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Jan 26, 15, 12:49 pm #2

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I'll bet the new owner of A"hart" ahem, has flown the country and is now hiding out in Asia somewhere. With lots of other people's money.

"We wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment." - Hilaire Belloc

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Jan 26, 15, 1:12 pm #3

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Quite disheartening that there are predators like this out there. This is just low, especially given how it looks like Minh Duc Nguyen utterly destroyed the original Ahart business under the previous owner, based on the Yelp comments.



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