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Kern County District Attorney Lisa Green announced a settlement against the owner of an unlicensed board and care facility today. On March 14, Kern County Superior Court Judge Thomas Clark signed the Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction against Aida DeGuzman, imposing penalties and prohibiting her from continuing to operate an unlicensed board and care facility.

Aida DeGuzman is the owner and operator of three facilities in the City of Bakersfield that she ostensibly operated as bed and board facilities. As the owner of a bed and board facility she could rent rooms and provide meals to boarders. However, she was not licensed or permitted by the State of California to receive patients from hospitals or skilled nursing facilities that needed longterm care. Her operation came to the attention of the Kern County District Attorney's Office when the Coroner's office noticed a pattern of deaths by people who had been placed on hospice and who were residing at her facility. The State Department of Social Services had previously cited her on multiple occasions for operating an unlicensed board and care.

The terms of the Final Judgment require that she pay penalties and costs in the amount of \$14,000, and not operate a board and care unless licensed by the State of California.