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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MORTUARY SCIENCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION)
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSES)
AND REGISTRATIONS OF:)
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RUSSELL C. SHEPPARD)
LICENSE NO. JP02400)
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RUSSELL C. SHEPPARD FUNERAL)
HOME (BRIDGETON LOCATION))
REGISTRATION NO. JB00223)
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RUSSELL C. SHEPPARD FUNERAL)
HOME (SALEM LOCATION))
REGISTRATION NO. JB00801)
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TO PRACTICE MORTUARY SCIENCE)
AND TO OPERATE REGISTERED)
MORTUARIES IN THE STATE OF)
NEW JERSEY)

Administrative Action
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science by the Verified Administrative Complaint of Peter Verniero, Attorney General of New Jersey, by John DeCicca, Deputy Attorney General, and it appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS ON THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 1997;
ORDERED:

1. Respondents, Russell C. Sheppard, the Russell C. Sheppard Funeral Home (Bridgeton location) and the Russell C. Sheppard Funeral Home (Salem location) show cause before the New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science on August 5, 1997, at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m., why the motion of the Attorney General to consolidate the Verified Complaint contained herein with the Complaint filed on April 24, 1997 should not be granted, and, why after summary hearing on all the documents and testimony presented, a Final Order should not be entered revoking or suspending respondents' license to practice mortuary science and registration to operate a registered mortuary, assessing civil penalties and costs and such further relief as the Board may order.

2. A copy of this Order together with the Notice of Motion of the Attorney General, Letter in Support of Said Motion, Verified Complaint, Certification and attached exhibits, shall be served upon the respondents not later than three (3) days following entry hereof.

3. Respondents shall file an Answer to the Motion and allegations contained within the Verified Complaint and such responding documents as being deemed necessary and appropriate not less than five (5) days after being served with said Motion and Verified Complaint, Certification and attached exhibits. Said responding documents shall be delivered to the New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, with a copy delivered on that same date to John

DeCicco, Deputy Attorney General, Division of Law, 5th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. **AND TAKE NOTICE** that failure to respond as directed by this Order to Show Cause, may result in this matter being considered in respondents' absence on the proofs presented and a Final Order being entered against respondents for any and all relief demanded in the Motion and Verified Complaint.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MORTUARY SCIENCE

By: Donald Codey / DC 7/15/97
Donald Codey, President