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By Certified and Regular Mail

Richard S. Dennison, Manager
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214 West Front Street
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Re: **Uniform Penalty Letter in Lieu of Formal Disciplinary Complaint**
Our File #16-54, 23JB00010700

Dear Mr. Dennison:

This letter is to advise you that the New Jersey State Board of Mortuary Science (the "Board") has had an opportunity to review the inspection report, dated May 20, 2016.

Upon review of all available information, the Board has preliminarily found that you have violated N.J.A.C.13:36-9.5 (a) 3, in which the 2007 Casket Price List failed to include a statement disclosing the ownership of other registered mortuaries, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:36-5.21. You also violated N.J.A.C.13:36-9.6 (b) 3, in which the 2006 Outer Burial Container Price List failed to include a statement disclosing the ownership of other registered mortuaries, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:36-5.21. Lastly, the violation of N.J.A.C.13:36-1.9 (a) 1 and 2, in which the Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected Form failed to include a check off box indicating price quotations, date of birth, and place of death.

You are hereby offered the opportunity to settle this matter and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings by signing the enclosed certification and agreeing to **one of the following options:**

A) Pay the penalty in the amount of **\$800.00** within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter. You must also provide the Board with proof of compliance, by submitted copies of the revised Casket Price List, Outer Burial Container Price List and the Statement of Funeral Goods and Services Selected Form within one (1) month from the date of this letter.

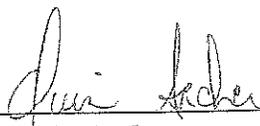
B) **Submit a written explanation** along with sufficient proof to the Board and waive your rights to a hearing. The Board will then consider your submission and render a final decision, which may include any of the terms set forth above. Any disposition, by way of a settlement, will be a public record and will have the same effect as an order of the Board. Any failure to comply with the terms to which you agree will be deemed a violation.

C) Finally, if you do not wish to settle this matter, you may **request a formal public administrative hearing**. In that event, this letter will serve as notice of the charges against you and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board. At the hearing, either personally or with the assistance of an attorney, you will have an opportunity to respond to the charges, submit evidence and present testimony, as it may be necessary in order for the Board to make a final determination concerning the charges of unlawful activity. You should be aware that in making its final decision, the Board may, if unlawful activity has been proven, assess civil penalties in an amount greater than that offered in this letter. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies, directing you to cease and desist from engaging in unlawful acts and/or requiring you to pay costs incurred in the matter.

Please be advised, that the enclosed certification should be completed and returned to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn and you will be deemed in default. The allegations against you will be deemed uncontested. The Board will then proceed to schedule the matter for final review and will enter an appropriate order. Once an order has been entered, your failure to pay any penalties may result in further action to suspend or revoke your practitioners license.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter of the settlement offer herein, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Meaghan Goulding, who may be reached at (973) 648-4741.

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BOARD OF MORTUARY SCIENCE

By: 
Quin Archer
Executive Director