

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION :
BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS :
AND EMBALMERS :

vs. :

PAUL SHERIDAN :

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (1995 Reenactment) Section 5-33.2-17 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Paul Sheridan (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 5-33.2-17(2) of the Rules and Regulations.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a funeral director and embalmer licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent allowed an unlicensed person to perform the duties of a funeral director and embalmer for the funeral arrangements and cremation of Client A from July to October 2006 and the Respondent did not timely provide the cremation remains of the decedent to Client A and his family.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a funeral director and embalmer licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final a approval by the Department.

4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
- b) The right to produce witnesses and present evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
- c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
- d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
- e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
- h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
- i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.

5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all the parties.

6. Respondent's license as a funeral director and embalmer shall be issued a formal **Reprimand**.

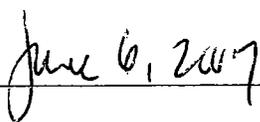
7. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of funeral director and embalmer and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Order, his license as a funeral director and embalmer shall be subject to further disciplinary actions.



Paul Sheridan



Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN
Chief
Health Professions Regulation

Dated: 

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have faxed, (401) 789-6990, and mailed the within Consent Order to Terrence G. Simpson, Esquire, Kelly, Kelleher, Reilly & Simpson, Narragansett Office, Pier Professional Towers, 28 Caswell Street, Narragansett, RI 02882 on this 6th day of June 2007.

Carole Allsworth