

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES**

In re: Joseph Rubino, Embalmer

Petition No. 2000-0524-030-005

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Joseph Rubino, of New Britain (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 002307 to practice embalming by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 385 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. During 1999, respondent was responsible for the funeral arrangements and burial of Mr. Carlos Torres, who died in Waterbury on October 3, 1999.
2. Respondent failed to file a death certificate for Mr. Torres with the City of Waterbury office of Vital Records until June 2000.
3. Respondent was also responsible for the funeral arrangements for Cesar Cardenas who died at Hartford Hospital in December 2000.
4. As of July 5, 2001, respondent had not completed and failed to file the death certificate for Mr. Cardenas.
5. During June 2001, respondent was responsible for the funeral arrangements and burial of Mr. Samuel Langer, who died in Norwich in June 16, 2001 and was cremated in June 2001.
6. Respondent failed to file a death certificate for Mr. Langer with the City of Norwich office of Vital Records until August 2001.

7. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-227.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order has chosen not to contest the above allegations of wrongdoing but, while admitting no guilt or wrongdoing, agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10 and 19a-14 and 20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 002307 to practice as an embalmer in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
4. Respondent is not currently either a manager or an owner of a funeral service business.
5. ✓ In the event respondent becomes a manager or an owner of a funeral service business, his license to practice as an embalmer shall be placed on probation for a period of one year under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing that he has become a

manager and/or owner of a funeral service business within seven business days of that change in status, and shall include in that correspondence the name and address of the funeral service business where he is practicing.

- b. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of an embalmer, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a quarterly random review of 20 percent of respondent's business records.
- c. Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with him not less than once every 3 months for the one-year period of his probationary period.
- d. The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means, which he or she deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
- e. Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department quarterly for the one-year period of the probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the records reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety.

6. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Department of Public Health
Division of Health Systems Regulation
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

7. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.

8. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
9. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
10. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 10a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Board by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
11. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as an embalmer, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the

violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that his failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).

12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his certificate before the Board.
13. In the event respondent is not employed as an embalmer for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as an embalmer less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.
14. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Licensure and Registration Section of the Division of Health Systems Regulation of the Department.
15. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.
16. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

17. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
18. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
19. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
20. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Regulatory Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
21. Respondent understands and agrees that he is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which he is away from his residence.
22. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Joseph Rubino, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Joseph Rubino
Joseph Rubino

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 2002.

SUSAN SCHROEDER
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2006

Susan Schroeder
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 14th day of February 2002, it is hereby accepted.

Debra Turcotte
Debra Turcotte, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the _____ on the 30 day of April 2002, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Alba Perry, chairperson
Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers
and Funeral Directors

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