

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: Lorraine Bell, Funeral Director

Petition No. 880822-31-002

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Lorraine Bell, Funeral Director, of Hartford, Connecticut, has been issued license number B05555, to practice as a funeral director by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 385 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine Bell, hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, hereby admits as follows:

1. That probable cause exists for the instant proceeding.
2. That there is an adequate evidentiary basis for the instant Consent Order.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended Lorraine Bell, hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter;
2. That her license to practice as a funeral director in Connecticut is hereby suspended for six months;
3. That said suspension is stayed immediately, and she is to be on probation for six months under the following terms and conditions:

(a) During the period of probation, a Department of Health Services consultant will review the Respondent's system of handling cremains, and the Respondent will timely adopt any reasonable suggestions made by said consultant.

(b) Random inspections shall be made by said consultant, who shall be allowed access to the funeral home to perform these inspections upon reasonable notice.

4. That any deviation by the Respondent from the terms of probation specified in paragraphs 3(a) - 3(b) above shall constitute a violation of probation and will result in the following procedure:
- a. That she will be notified in writing that the term(s) of probation have been violated provided no prior written consent for deviation from the term(s) had been granted by the Department of Health Services.
  - b. That said notification shall include the act(s) or omission(s) which violates the probation.
  - c. That she will be allowed fifteen (15) days to demonstrate to the Department of Health Services that she was in compliance with the terms of probation, or to cure the violation of the terms of probation.
  - d. That if she 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 of Health Services, her license shall be suspended for a period of six (6) months or she shall be entitled to a hearing, at the Respondent's option.
  - e. She must initiate said hearing through a written request by certified mail to the Department of Health Services within fifteen (15) days from notification of violation of probation.
  - f. She shall be entitled to a hearing before the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

- g. Evidence presented to said Board by either the Department of Health Services or Respondent shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of probation.
5. That she understands that this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admissions in any proceeding before the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (1) in which her compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) in which her compliance with §20-227 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
6. That 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, but that neither this order or its terms constitute an admission of wrongdoing or liability for any purpose but the resolution of the instant proceeding. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 268a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive her of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
7. That this Consent Order is effective the first day of the next month after which the seal of the last signatory is fixed to this document.
8. That she permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Connecticut Department of Health Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for said Consent Order to the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. She understands that said Board has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Consent Order is approved or granted.
9. That she has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Lorraine Bell, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Lorraine Bell  
Lorraine Bell, Funeral Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of January 1988.

Carly B. [Signature]  
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 Health Services on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of

February 1988, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck  
Stanley K. Peck, Director  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on the day of March, 21, 1989, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Edward C. [Signature]  
For the Connecticut Board of Examiners  
of Embalmers for Funeral Directors



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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J.B.  
Attn: Davis

30 March 1990

Lorraine Bell  
P.O. Box 4370  
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Re: Petition No. 880822-31-002

Dear Mrs. Bell:

I am writing to inform you that the terms of your Consent Order dated 21 March 1989 have been completed.

This letter serves to confirm that you have completed all stipulations of your Consent Order and that the terms of your probation have been completed. Notice will be provided to our licensure and renewal section to remove any restrictions from your license effective 1 September 1989.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lynne A. Hurley  
Investigator  
Public Health Hearing Office

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cc: David J. Pavis, Chief, PHHO  
John Boccaccio, Chief, L & R