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AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOPSY

I (We), _____, hereby request and authorize National Autopsy Services, LLC to perform an autopsy on the remains of _____ to the extent that is necessary for full pathological study and diagnosis. I (We) understand that a complete autopsy may include, but not be limited to, examination of the head, eyes, spinal cord, chest, abdomen and extremities unless excluded under restrictions hereunder, or as limited by my request, _____ (if no limitations, please fill in the blank with “unlimited”). _____ initials

I(We) further authorize the removal and retention of organs or tissues as determined by National Autopsy Services, LLC in their reasonable discretion for diagnostic, scientific or therapeutic purposes.

I(We) further authorize the release of information to National Autopsy Services, LLC, regarding any treatment the deceased may have received from any hospital or medical provider. Information to be released may include, without limitation, any information from hospitalization(s), outpatient treatment(s) and doctors’ visit(s), and may include discharge summaries, pathology reports, diagnostic reports, outpatient notes, operative reports, laboratory reports, emergency department notes and any other related medical or health care information. I understand that the information that is released may include information pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of AIDS, including the results of HIV tests and/or information pertaining to the diagnosis or treatment of drug or alcohol abuse. National Autopsy Services, LLC and any individual or facility releasing any such information are hereby released from liability or responsibility related to any information released pursuant to the release contained in this authorization.

I(We) bear the relationship of _____ to the deceased, and I(We) hereby certify under the state law that I(we) am(are) entitled and have the legal right and capacity to grant this authorization.

Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__ Time: _____

Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number (with area code): _____

1. Witness: _____

2. Witness: _____

3. Please enter below a short medical history of your loved one with date of death and date of birth:

4. Please enter below a short clinical history of what occurred to your loved one prior to his or her passing:

5. Please enter below the name, address, and phone number for the funeral home and the name of the funeral director who has been assisting you:

6. I understand that by ordering forensic toxicology testing that the biological materials collected from my loved one will be sent to a 3rd party lab, NMS Labs, in Willow Grove, PA and that since this is a 3rd party, National Autopsy Services, LLC has no direction over this lab and thus results could take anywhere from 2 weeks to up to over 90 days to be reported back. Depending upon the toxicology panel ordered, some extensive tests could take 6 months to a 1 year for results to be reported. While this latter part is rare and depends upon the tests ordered, National Autopsy Services, LLC wants all families to be aware of this delay. Please ask the medical investigator on-call for further information regarding what tests will be ordered and the approximate time it could take to have such results reported. _____ (Initial here)

7. I understand that ordering histology testing, which is taking tissues from the tissue recovery portion of the exam and sending them to our outside histology lab North Bay Histology Lab located in Novato, CA, could delay the final results past the typical 4 to 8-week period as discussed on our website. Histology is an important part of the exam so that our pathologist can understand further what is going on with tissues on the microscopic level, however, there are times this delay can make the final results be reported much later than what is stated on our website. _____ (Initial here)

8. If you have requested a brain (neuropathology) examination, please understand that this type of exam takes well over 2 to 6 months to complete, but that most exams take around an average of 2 to 3 months for completion. This is due to the fact that there is extensive histology testing upon the brain tissues along with genetic testing and other such research. Neuropathology exams do not fit the typical time frame for final results to be reported back. It is highly important that the neuropathology cases are accurately examined, of which will cause a time delay in reporting back the findings to families. If these cases are not examined in detail and rushed, the final results will not be accurately reported resulting in a case that has been poorly done. Therefore, please understand our time delay on these cases is for the benefit of the family

to receive accurate and detailed results in the final report. _____ (Initial here only if you are having a neuropathology exam done upon your loved one's brain)

9. Refunds for cases are only given as follows:

- If you have paid and then cancel prior to any travel and/or work being performed, that refund will be at the total amount minus a \$350 administrative fee.
- If you have paid and then cancel after the team arrives at the location of the deceased, but no work has begun, all fees minus the travel fees which are airfare, hotel, car rental, and a standard daily fee of \$500.
- If you have paid and then cancel after the team arrives and the exam was completed with tissues and blood being preserved for further testing, **NO REFUNDS ARE ALLOWED AT THIS POINT.**
- If any of the above occur and you file a credit card dispute not allowing for the refund amounts above as stated, we will file a counter dispute showing what is really to be refunded. If for some reason the credit card company does NOT refund the proper amount, you will be liable for owing us the proper amount as stated above and that if we don't have that honored within 30 days of the dispute, we will pursue legal action to recover the proper amounts owed to National Autopsy Services, LLC. Please initial to show your understanding to the above _____.
- National Autopsy Services, LLC takes all forms of major credit cards, cash, cashier's check, money orders, and wiring of funds. **Major credit cards will have a 3% fee added to the transaction, of which is not refunded if cancellation of services does occur for any reason.**