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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

TERRY L. LANGENBERG

ORDER0000175

RESPONDENT.

Division of Enforcement Case File # 08 FDR 026

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stats. § 227.53 are:

Terry L. Langenberg C/o Parnall Correctional Facility 1780 East Parnall Jackson, MI 49201

Funeral Directors Examining Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing Division of Enforcement P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

# **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as an Order in this matter, subject to the approval of the Funeral Director's Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed the Stipulation agreement annexed to this Order, and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent Terry L. Langenberg is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Funeral Director, with license number 77-4714. This license was first granted to him on 12/12/1985 and it expired on 12/15/2009.

- 2. Mr. Langenberg's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing (Department) is c/o Langenberg Funeral Home, 104 North Third Street, Crystal Falls, MI, 49920. Per Iron County District Attorney's Office, Mr. Langenberg's current address is c/o Parnall Correctional Facility, 1780 East Parnall, Jackson, MI 49201.
- 3. On May 2, 2008, Mr. Langenberg pled guilty to four counts of Funeral Contracts Rule Violations, contrary to Michigan Compiled Law § 328.232, which is a Misdemeanor offense. Mr. Langenberg converted pre-paid funeral account funds to his personal use, rather than preserving them in a separate investment account, as required by Michigan law. Mr. Langenberg was sentenced to six months in jail after being unable to pay restitution to victims as previously ordered.
- 4. Per Wis. Admin. Code § RL 3.02, a number of acts or omissions are considered to be unprofessional conduct, including, "(1) Violating or aiding and abetting a violation or any state or federal law substantially related to the practice of funeral directing..."
- 5. Per Wis. Stat. § 445.13 (1), "... the examining board may... limit, suspend or revoke a license of a funeral director... or a permit... of a funeral establishment, and reprimand a funeral director... for any violation of this chapter or any rule of the examining board ..."

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in these matters pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 445.13.
- 2. The Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44 (5).
- 3. By his conduct, as set forth above in paragraph 3 of the Findings of Fact, Terry L. Langenberg has violated a state law substantially related to the practice of funeral directing, contrary to Wis. Admin. Code § RL 3.02(1), thereby subjecting himself to discipline under 445.13(1).

#### **ORDER**

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The license of Terry L. Langenberg (# 77-4714) shall be, and hereby is, **REVOKED**, including the right to renew said license. The Funeral Director's Examining Board retains jurisdiction to review any future application by Terry L. Langenberg for any license within the jurisdiction of the Board. No such license shall be granted absent proof of rehabilitation that is satisfactory to the Board, in its sole discretion. All indicia of licensure still in the possession of Mr. Langenberg shall be surrendered within fifteen (15) days of the date of signing of this Order.

### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 2. Terry L. Langenberg shall pay the costs of this disciplinary matter, in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00). Costs shall be immediately due and owing upon the receipt of any application for any license administered by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 3. All payments and submissions required by this Order shall be mailed, delivered or otherwise transmitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817, Fax (608) 266-2264

- 4. Case number 08 FDR 026 is closed.
- 5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

By: May 11, 2010

A Member of the Board

Date