

COUNTY of HIDALGO



EDINBURG, TEXAS 78539

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NOTICE OF DISCREPANCY AND/OR ADVISORY

DATE: July 16, 2008

TO: MIRIAM G.

DEPARTMENT: HUMAN SERVICES

FROM: LYNDA J. LISCANO

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REFERENCE: MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT (S), ORIGINAL INVOICE i.e. IS/ARE BEING INCLUDED, BECAUSE OF THE REASON (S) INDICATED BELOW AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR MY OFFICE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES ACCORDING TO STATUTES, POLICIES, FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

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- NEEDS CORRECTION (S):
- NEEDS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION i.e.,:

[X] COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATION: NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY C.C. NOT A JOH N DOE THANK YOU LYNDA LISCANO

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RENE GUERRA

July 3, 2008



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Ref.: Burial of John Doe _____ - autopsy # A-08-23

This letter is in response to a request to clarify the burial of _____. The decision to bury, as opposed to cremate, the remains of _____ was made in order to save the County money.

A body was discovered on January 23, 2008. On January 29, 2008, the decedent was identified as _____ a Mexican National. As _____ had no known relatives in the United States, the Mexican Consulate was informed. In accordance with Article 49.09(d) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, which states in pertinent part that "a person commits an offense if the person cremates or directs the cremation of a body without obtaining a certificate from a justice of the peace," a request for cremation was made to Justice of the Peace Luis Garza. Judge Garza declined to sign the order for cremation.

In May, the County was notified by the Mexican Consulate that it had failed to locate any of the decedent's next of kin. Since no next of kin was located, decedent qualified for a pauper burial. As storage of the decedent cost the County \$75.00 per day, and Judge Garza had still not signed the request for cremation, the decision was made to bury the decedent in order to prevent further storage expenses.

I hope this letter clarifies the matter and any outstanding financial obligations will be fulfilled.

Respectfully,

for / *Josue Vasquez*
Rene Guerra
Criminal District Attorney
Hidalgo County, Texas

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