

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS,  
CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Chilton Blunt, a licensed Funeral Director,  
Board ID No. 20998, Respondent**

**Case No. 18-13**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER**

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers, Funeral Directors, Cemeteries, and Burial Services (the “Board”) on June 16, 2020, in the Diamond Mine Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Department of Commerce building, located at 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202. The Respondent, Chilton Blunt, appeared and was represented by counsel, Jim Jackson. Amanda Gibson, Associate Counsel, Arkansas Insurance Department, appeared on behalf of the Board. Finding proper notice was given to the Respondent, the Board, from all the evidence presented, issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is currently employed at Paradise Funeral Home in Pine Bluff.
2. On December 4, 2018, Respondent appeared before the Board seeking reinstatement of his license, which had expired on December 31, 2015. Respondent’s license was conditionally reinstated.

3. One of the conditions of the reinstatement was, for the first year of reinstatement, Respondent must submit, on a quarterly basis, reports from his parole officer that confirm he is meeting all conditions and requirements of his parole.
4. The Board received two reports during 2019.
5. One report was dated May 31, 2019 and was received by the Board on July 9, 2019.
6. The other report was dated October 9, 2019 and was received by the Board on October 17, 2019.
7. Testimony taken during the hearing proved that Respondent's failure to submit all four reports was caused by circumstances beyond his control.

#### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Respondent's actions, as set forth in Finding of Fact 4 above, constitute a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-1103(a)(6) in that Respondent failed to submit all four reports as ordered by the Board. However, the failure to comply with the Board's order was caused by events that were beyond the control of the Respondent, thereby excusing his failure to submit all of the reports.

#### **ORDER**

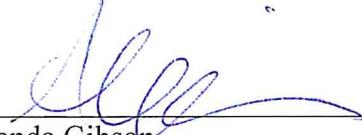
Because the Respondent was not found to have violated any laws, rules, or orders of the Board, this case is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, the Respondent may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court of the county in which he resides or does business, or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, within thirty (30) days after service of this Order.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020.**

**STATE BOARD OF EMBALMERS,  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS,  
CEMETERIES, AND BURIAL  
SERVICES**

By:



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