

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

**Takeiya Hudson, Applicant for Apprentice
Funeral Director, Respondent**

Case No. 20-10

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 on the 2nd Floor of the Department of Commerce building, located at 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202. The Respondent, Takeiya Hudson, appeared. 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 employed at Perry Funeral Home in Pine Bluff, AR.
2. On February 13, 2020 Respondent submitted an application seeking registration as an apprentice funeral director.
3. On August 21, 2002, Respondent pled guilty in Jefferson County Circuit Court to theft of property and hot checks, each a class C Felony.
4. As a result, Respondent was sentenced to probation for a term of 36 months.
5. On November 25, 2002, Respondent pled guilty in Washington County Circuit Court to theft of property, a class B Felony.

6. As a result, of the Washington County case, Respondent was sentenced to probation for a term of 60 months.

7. On February 23, 2009, Respondent pled guilty in Sebastian County to theft of property, a class C Felony.

8. As a result, Respondent was sentenced to probation for a term of 60 months, with the imposition of the sentence being suspended.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Respondents' actions, as set forth in Findings of Fact 3 through 8, above, constitute a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-29-302(a)(6)(A) in that Respondent's felony convictions prevent her from being able to pass the State Police criminal background check.

ORDER

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the Board hereby orders that Respondent Takeiya Hudson's request to waive her prior felony convictions is **GRANTED**. Therefore, Respondent is approved to register as an Apprentice Funeral Director, notwithstanding her felony convictions.

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 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

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

By:



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Counsel for the Board