

Arkansas Insurance Department

Asa Hutchinson
Governor



Allen Kerr
Commissioner

December 6, 2018

Via Certified Mail No. 7009 1680 0002 2607 8156 and First Class Mail

Mr. Chilton Blunt
7600 Tall Pine Trail
Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Re: In the Matter of Chilton Blunt, an expired licensed Funeral Director, License No. 4721, Board ID No. 20998, Respondent

Dear Mr. Blunt:

Enclosed please find the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the above referenced case. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AG", written over a faint blue line.

Amanda Gibson
Associate Counsel
Legal Division

Enc.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
Chilton Blunt, an expired licensed Funeral Director,
License No. 4721
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 December 4, 2018, at the Arkansas Insurance Department, First Floor Hearing Room, 1200 W. 3rd St., Little Rock. The Respondent, Chilton Blunt appeared. Amanda Gibson, Associate Counsel at the Arkansas Insurance Department, appeared on behalf of the Board. Finding proper notice had been 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 January 27, 2015, Respondent was convicted in Jefferson County Circuit Court of one count of sexual assault of a minor and one count of sexual indecency of a minor, both felonies. Respondent was sentenced to a total of eleven years in prison.
3. The victim in the case was an at-risk juvenile with whom Respondent worked in his capacity as a former youth advocate in the Juvenile Division (6th Division) of Jefferson County Circuit Court.
4. Respondent initially obtained his Funeral Director license on August 1, 2011.
5. Respondent's license expired on December 31, 2015.

6. On June 15, 2018, Respondent submitted an application seeking renewal of his license.
7. Respondent is a registered sex offender, level 3.
8. Respondent is on parole until 2025 with the possibility of early release.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's actions, as set forth in Findings of Fact 2 and 3 above, constitute a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-29-302(a)(6)(A) in that Respondent cannot pass the State Police criminal background check because of his felony convictions.
2. However, Respondent presented satisfactory evidence to the Board that sufficient measures have been installed at his place of employment, so that the public is protected.

ORDER

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the Board hereby orders that Respondent Chilton Blunt's Funeral Director license is **REINSTATED**.

The Board further orders the Respondent to comply with the following conditions:

1. For the first year of reinstatement of Respondent's license, Respondent must quarterly submit to the Board, reports from his parole officer that confirm he is meeting all conditions and requirements of his parole.
2. For each remaining year the Respondent is on parole, he must annually submit to the Board, reports from his parole officer that confirm he is meeting all conditions and requirements of his parole. The reporting shall continue for the remainder of Respondent's parole, whether that runs through 2025 or whether he is released early from supervision.
3. Respondent must obtain the required 6 hours of continuing education for the year 2018. The deadline for Respondent to obtain these hours is December 31, 2018.

4. Respondent must obtain the required 6 hours of continuing education for the year 2019 as he would in the normal course of his licensure.

5. Reinstatement of Respondent's license is further conditioned upon his continued compliance with all laws and rules governing his license, and with all conditions and requirements of his parole.

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 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.

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

By:



Amanda Gibson
Counsel for the Board