

IN THE MATTER OF  
FREEMAN FUNERAL SERVICES

Respondent

License Number: E00428

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BEFORE THE  
MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF  
MORTICIANS AND  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Case Number: 10-082

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**ORDER CONTINUING SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't ("S.G.") §§ 10-226(c) and 10-221 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.) the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the "Board") hereby **CONTINUES** the summary suspension of the restricted establishment license of Freeman Funeral Services (Respondent-Establishment) based upon violations of the Maryland Morticians and Funeral Directors Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ., §§ 7-101 *et seq.* (2009 Repl. Vol.). This Order follows a show cause hearing held on October 13, 2010 before a full quorum of the Board.

**BACKGROUND**

On or about September 30, 2010, the Board summarily suspended the Respondent-Establishment's restricted license. The Board took these steps when it concluded, pursuant to S.G. § 10-226(c), that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively required emergency action. The Order for Summary Suspension is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Among other things, the Board based its decision to summarily suspend the Respondent Establishment's restricted license on the following:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent-Establishment, owned and operated by Glenda M. Freeman (License Number M01010) the supervising mortician, is licensed as a restricted funeral establishment.
2. The Respondent-Establishment is licensed to operate an arrangements only facility located at 4594 Beech Road, Temple Hills, Maryland. It is not permitted to prepare human remains for final disposition or hold viewings in its facility.
3. On or about June 30, 2010, the Board received a complaint alleging unprofessional conduct by Ms. Freeman. An ensuing investigation revealed that: A viewing took place at the Respondent-Establishment on or about June 24, 2010; On or about September 14, 2010, in the course of a routine inspection visit, the Board's investigator observed a stretcher, carrying what appeared to be a human body under a white cover, being removed from a vehicle in the Respondent-Establishment's garage; and On or about September 23, 2010, after having previously denied the presence of human remains on the premises of the Respondent-Establishment, Ms. Freeman admitted that she has brought human remains to the facility.

### **FINDINGS**

In the course of oral argument, the Respondent-Establishment offered no plan to immediately protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2)(2009 Repl. Vol.).

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing it is, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010, by a unanimous vote of the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, by authority granted to

the Board by Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 7-316(a) and Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2), hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent-Establishment's restricted license **SHALL CONTINUE TO BE SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. §§ 10-611 *et seq.* (2004 & Supp. 2006).

10/27/10

Date



Dr. Hari P. Close, President  
Board of Morticians and  
Funeral Directors