

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS/EMBALMERS**



IN THE MATTER OF:
Kenneth M. Bright
License Number EMB01171

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This Order is issued pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-1-21 and 42-35-14.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Funeral Director/Embalmer licensed to practice in Rhode Island under License EMB01171.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed as the funeral director of record for Bright Funeral Home, 290 Public Street, Providence, RI.
3. Upon information and belief, the body of an adult male that had not been embalmed was present in a cardboard box in an unlocked, unrefrigerated garage on the premises of Bright Funeral Home for a period of approximately 11 days in violation of 216 RICR-40-05-25.5.6(B).
4. Upon information and belief, bodily fluid was leaking out of the cardboard box in violation of 216 RICR-40-05-25.5.6(H).
5. Upon information and belief, maggots were escaping from the cardboard box.
6. Upon information and belief, the cardboard box did not identify the name of the deceased for a period of approximately 6 days in violation of 216 RICR-40-05-25.6.4(A)(1)(c).
7. Upon information and belief, Respondent has practiced without a license, misdelivered cremains, failed to maintain required written procedures, and misappropriated client funds. While these violations do not necessarily rise to the level of a summary suspension on an individual level, they reflect a pattern of statutory and regulatory violations in support of this Order.

8. After considering the above facts, the Director of Health finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.
9. The Department of Health will promptly institute proceedings for revocation or other action.

ORDER

Respondent's funeral director license is **SUSPENDED**.

Ordered this 11th day of September 2020.

Ana Novais, for NAS
 Director
 Rhode Island Department of Health
 Three Capitol Hill Room 401
 Providence RI 02908

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date below I served copy of this Order of Summary Suspension personally upon on:

Kenneth M. Bright
 290 Public Street
 Providence, RI 02905-3109

Service Date: 9-15-20 11:20am

Signature [Signature]

[Signature] 9-15-20
 Anthony Cappalli #157 Constable

I hereby certify that I was unable to make service after the following reasonable attempts:

Service Date: _____

Signature _____