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October 30, 2006

Riggs Funeral Home
1979 Hwy 119 South
Guyton, Georgia 31312

Strickland Funeral Home
2460 Hwy 21 South
Springfield, Georgia 31329

Smalls Funeral Home
203 Samuel Smalls Ave
Guyton, GA 31312

Dear Sirs:

This is to follow up on the previous correspondence with you regarding Effingham County's conditions and payments related to the removal of bodies for the purpose of autopsies. The following information has not been changed from my previous correspondence. It has been clarified by adding another column to the listing of payments related to the location to which the bodies are taken.

Please notice that the Coroner (or his representative) authorizes such transports on behalf of Effingham County. He basically determines all necessary services related to a specific case.

Unless otherwise notified, with verification that the funeral home meets the conditions for providing such services to the County, the Coroner will continue to follow past practice in selecting the funeral home to provide these services.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Williams

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Effingham County Administrator

Coroner's Transport Requirements/Provisions

1. Furnish vehicles, supplies and personnel necessary to transport bodies from all locations in Effingham County to a refrigerated or other storage location in Effingham County, or to a GBI crime lab, or other location, as directed by the Coroner or his/her authorized representative. Provide such transport either one-way or round trip, as directed by the Coroner or his/her authorized representative.
2. Furnish approved refrigeration and storage designed to maintain proper temperature of a deceased body whenever said body cannot be transported immediately.
3. Respond in a timely manner to scene calls and deliver at appointed times on crime lab deliveries.
4. All bodies must be secured in a body bag with proper identification tags attached to the body and the bag. The County, through the Coroner, will provide the body bags and identification tags.
5. In all coroner cases where an autopsy is not required, the body will be released to the funeral home requested by family members with no cost incurred by the County.

County Compensation

<u>Body Transport from/to</u>	<u>One-Way</u>	<u>Return Trip</u>	<u>Total for Round Trip</u>
Local Scene to Funeral Home or Local Storage	\$175	N/A	N/A
Local Scene, Funeral Home or Local Storage to:			
GBI Crime Lab in Savannah	\$175	\$130	\$305
GBI Crime Lab in Augusta	\$210	\$140	\$350
GBI Crime Lab in Macon	\$340	\$225	\$565
GBI Crime Lab in Atlanta	\$450	\$300	\$750
GBI Crime Lab in Moultrie	\$490	\$320	\$810

It is understood that the above locations "to" are not necessarily the GBI Crime Lab where it is now located; for example, a transport to any location in Savannah would be compensated as stated above. Any general location not mentioned above would be compensated in accordance with the method of calculation used above, i.e. the greater the distance, the greater the compensation.

The County will also pay \$50.00 for the refrigeration and storage of the body, but only if it is necessary, in accordance with instructions from the Coroner or his/her authorized representative.

The above compensation is the maximum paid by the County. The County only pays upon being billed and will honor lesser amounts.