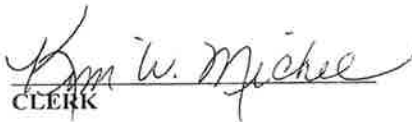


IN THE MATTER OF
EDDIE ROBINSON
AND THE ENTITY OPERATING AS
N.A. JAMES FUNERAL HOME, INC.
HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF EMBALERS AND FUNERAL
DIRECTORS

FILED: JAN 07 2020


CLERK

FINDINGS OF FACT and DECISIONS of the BOARD

This matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on December 11, 2019 for a ruling on an Admission and Consent submitted by the parties.

Present:

CHANEL R. DEBOSE, Prosecuting Attorney, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

HARRY VORHOFF, General Counsel, for and on behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

After considering the law, the evidence, the entire record of these proceedings, and the Admission and Consent submitted by the parties for a ruling on the Admission and Consent, EDDIE ROBINSON and the entity operating as N.A. JAMES FUNERAL HOME INC., who waived their appearances to appear before the Board to be a part of the proceedings held on December 11, 2019, the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors rules as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

That EDDIE ROBINSON is a licensed funeral establishment owner (#E-1491) and the designated agent for the entity know as N.A. James Funcral Home, Inc., (#1001), Hammond, Louisiana, and, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Board: that evidence contained within the record of these proceedings, and the Admission and Consent signed by the parties, reflect that Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. are guilty of violating LA R.S 37:846 (A) (5).

CONCLUSIONS

As to **Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc.**, the Board members found that Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. violated the provision of LA R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) as evidenced by documentation appearing in the

file and the Admission and Consent signed by Eddie Robinson on behalf of himself and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. admitting to the following:

1. On or around February 4, 2019, Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. violated L.A. R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) by engaging in unprofessional, unethical, and dishonest conduct by: Willfully distorting the truth by falsifying and forging the Statement of Goods and Services presented to Tracy Elaine Gallo for the services of her deceased Aunt, Creola White. in an attempt to deceive, cheat, and defraud Ms. Gallo;
2. On or around February 4, 2019, Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. violated L.A. R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) by engaging in unprofessional, unethical, and dishonest conduct by: Willfully distorting the truth by presenting a separate falsified and forged Statement of Goods and Services to Union National Insurance Company for unjustified fees, in an attempt to deceive, cheat, and defraud the insurance company and Ms. Tracy Elaine Gallo; and
3. On or around March 28, 2019, Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. violated L.A. R.S. 37:846 (A) (5) by engaging in unprofessional, unethical, and dishonest conduct by: Willfully distorting the truth by submitting false statements and documentation to the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors in defense of the complaint in an attempt to deceive, cheat, and defraud the Louisiana Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

DECISION OF THE BOARD

Accordingly, for the reasons as stated and noted herein above;

IT IS ORDERED BY THE BOARD that Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. are hereby found guilty of violating the provisions of LA R.S. 37:846 (A) (5).

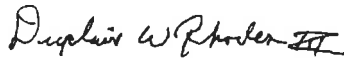
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that pursuant to L.A. R.S. 37:850, the penalty statute applicable to this violation, which states: Whoever violates the provisions of this Part shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars, nor more than two-thousand, five-hundred dollars, and costs of the court reporter and attorney for the board for each offense, or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days, nor more than one-hundred eighty days for each offense, or both such fine and imprisonment, N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. and its representative Eddie Robinson are fined the sum of five-hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each offense for a total of one-thousand, five-hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars for the above cited violations of LA R.S. 37:846 (A) (5). One-thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of the fine is suspended, and Eddie Robinson and the entity operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. is placed on probation for one year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. and its representative Eddie Robinson are to pay the sum of Two-thousand, Nine-hundred, Twenty-eight dollars, and Seventy-five cents (\$2,928.75) for the attorney's fees incurred by the Board for

the handling of this matter from the date the matter was accepted by the Board through December 11, 2019, the date the Admission and Consent was accepted by the Board members. The total assessed cost to N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. and Eddie Robinson is Three-thousand, Four-hundred, Twenty-eight dollars, and Seventy- five cents (\$3,428.75). The above assessed fines, and attorney's fees are to be paid by N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc. and/or its representative Eddie Robinson within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE BOARD that should the costs not be received by the Board within thirty (30) days of the notification of costs due, then the license of the establishment operating as N.A. James Funeral Home, Inc., Hammond, Louisiana shall be suspended until such time as all costs are paid.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



SECRETARY

Metairie, Louisiana
January 7, 2020

