

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD  
OF FUNERAL AND  
CEMETERY SERVICE  
CAUSE NO: 2022 SBFCS 0017

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: )  
)  
LANKFORD FUNERAL HOME AND )  
FAMILY CENTER )  
LICENSE NO.: FH11900011 (Active) )  
CA21900016 (Expired) )

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**JUL 26 2022**  
Indiana Professional  
Licensing Agency

**PETITION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The State of Indiana (“Petitioner”), by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Ian Mathew, pursuant to Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-4 and Ind. Code § 25-1-11-13, petitions the State Board of Funeral and Cemetery Service (“the Board”) to summarily suspend the funeral home license of Lankford Funeral Home and Family Center (“Respondent”) for a period of ninety (90) days. In support, Petitioner states as follows:

**Background**

1. Respondent holds funeral home license FH11900011 (Active), which was issued by the Board on November 25, 2019 and will expire on December 31, 2022.
2. Respondent’s address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“IPLA”) is 3106 Middle Road, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130.
3. At all times relevant, Randy Ray Lankford, who holds funeral director license FD21800053, was Respondent’s owner and/or managing director.
4. Respondent is a “practitioner” as that term is defined by Ind. Code § 25-1-11-2.

## **Conduct Demonstrating Clear and Immediate Danger**

5. On July 1, 2022, the Clark County Coroner's Office ("CCC") notified the Jeffersonville Police Department ("JPD") that it had received information regarding conditions at Respondent's facility.
6. JPD officers then went to the facility to investigate.
7. The officers found the bodies of thirty-one (31) deceased individuals in body bags inside the funeral home in various stages of decomposition.
8. The bodies were located in different rooms throughout the facility.
9. Several of the bodies had been in the facility for an extended period of time, with at least one (1) of them having been there since March.
10. The bodies were not being refrigerated, and three (3) of the building's four (4) air conditioning units were inoperable.
11. Several of the bodies were leaking biological material onto the floors and surfaces.
12. The officers also found the cremated remains of seventeen (17) individuals at the funeral home as well.
13. CCC took possession of the bodies and cremains and is currently in the process of identifying and returning them to their families.
14. Indiana Code § 25-1-11-13 provides that the Board "may summarily suspend a practitioner's license for ninety (90) days before a final adjudication or during the appeals process if the board finds that a practitioner represents a clear

and immediate danger to the public's health, safety, or property if the practitioner is allowed to continue to practice.”

15. Because of the above-described conduct, Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health, safety, or property if allowed to continue to practice as a funeral home in Indiana.

**REQUESTED RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner requests:

- I. That a hearing be scheduled on this Petition for Summary Suspension as soon as is practicable for the Board;
- II. That, after conducting a hearing, the Board issue an order summarily suspending Respondent’s funeral director license for a period of ninety (90) days; and,
- III. That the Board award all other relief it deems proper.

Respectfully,

**Office of the Indiana Attorney General**



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 26th day of July, 2022, a true and correct copy of this Petition for Summary Suspension was served upon the below-listed party or parties:

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