SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: JESSICA MARY SCOTT

STIPULATION

License No. 1566

WHEREAS, Jessica Mary Scott ("Scott"), pursuant to SDCL 36-19-14, is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the State of South Dakota and holds Funeral Director and Embalming License number 1566 ("License");

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Funeral Service ("Board") has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, including the protection of the public from unprofessional practices and practitioners as set forth in SDCL 36-9-1.1 and SDCL 36-19-38;

WHEREAS, SDCL 36-19-38(a) and SDCL 36-19-38(b) permit the Funeral Board to revoke a funeral director license when the funeral director is convicted of a felony, crime of dishonesty, or conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public, or any other unprofessional conduct;

WHEREAS, Scott admits to violating SDCL 36-19-38(a) and SDCL 36-19-38(b): Scott pled guilty to felony GRAND THEFT BY EMBEZZLEMENT in violation of SDCL 22-30A-10 and 22-30A-17 and was convicted and sentenced on June 6, 2024;

WHEREAS, funeral directors have financial and trust responsibilities to their clients pursuant to burial and funerary arrangements;

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WHEREAS, Scott and the Board desire to resolve this matter without a contested case hearing under SDCL Ch. 1-26, where the Board would seek revocation of her License; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Scott have therefore agreed to resolve this matter in the manner set forth in this Agreed Disposition, pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20 and 36-1C-6;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over Scott's License and the subject matter of this case under SDCL 36-19-12.
- 2. Scott agrees to voluntarily surrender her license from the date the Funeral Board signs this Stipulation. While her license is revoked, she may not engage in the practices of Funeral Directing or Embalming whatsoever, as defined by SDCL 36-19-14, nor the practice of Cremation as defined by SDCL 34-26A-1(4), including acting as a Crematory Authority under SDCL 34-26A-1(7).
- 3. Scott agrees that she may apply to have her license reinstated after a three-year period from the date the Board accepts this Stipulation. She also understands that she is not guaranteed a new license when she reapplies.
- 4. The Board agrees that, at the time Scott reapplies after the three-year period, it will, in determining whether or not to grant a license, consider that she voluntarily had her license revoked instead of pursuing a contested case.
- 5. Scott understands that she has rights under SDCL Ch. 1-26, Ch. 36-1C, and Ch. 36-19 regarding this matter, and that such rights include: the right to a contested case hearing before the Board under SDCL 36-19-38, or in the alternative the Office of Hearing Examiners under SDCL 1-26-18.3; to be present at the contested case hearing; to be represented by legal counsel at such hearing; to introduce evidence, testify, and call and cross-examine witnesses; to inspect all documentary evidence submitted to the Board; and the right to appeal the outcome to the South Dakota Circuit Court and Supreme Court.
- 6. By voluntarily surrendering her License and entering into this Stipulation, Scott hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives the above rights and agrees that this disciplinary matter will be resolved.
- 7. Scott agrees and stipulates that she enters this Stipulation voluntarily and without threats or coercion, and after she has been given ample opportunity to consider these matters and to discuss them with an attorney of her choosing, and that she has a full understanding of the

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details, agreements, and legal consequences contained herein.

- 8. Scott agrees and requests that the Board's Executive Director or designee will present this Stipulation to the Board for approval and adoption.
- 9. Scott understands that any violation by her of this Stipulation results in the Board no longer being bound by its terms.
- 10. Scott understands that, if entered into by both her and the Board, this Stipulation will be made publicly available on the Board's website, and that the Board will report the revocation of her license to the Funeral Directors Association and to any applicable national database or other reporting entity the Board deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the foregoing Stipulation is entered into and is respectfully submitted to the Board with the request that the Board adopt its terms with the signature of its designated signatory.

Dated this 26 day of Aug., 2024.

Jessica Mary Scott

Dated this 17th day of Oct, 2024.

Jim Jones

Funeral Board Member

South Dakota Board of Funeral Service