Information for Family and Friends

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Please accept the condolences of the Office of the Regional Medical Examiner. This pamphlet will help answer some of the questions you may have.

The Medical Examiner’s Office is required by the laws of the State of Missouri to conduct an investigation of any sudden, suspicious, violent or unexpected death. If the Medical Examiner accepts jurisdiction, and an autopsy or other evaluation is required, the deceased will be transported to the St. Louis County Morgue at 6059 North Hanley Road in Berkeley, Mo. The forensic pathologist will determine the extent of the examination necessary to determine the cause of death. Even though the examination takes place at this location, all inquiries need to be directed to the Office of the Regional Medical Examiner at 636-949-1878.

The family should contact the funeral home or cremation service of their choice. The funeral director will make the necessary arrangements to pick up the deceased from the Medical Examiner’s Office when released. The funeral director will prepare a death certificate, which will then be signed by the medical examiner upon completion of the investigation.

The funeral director will file the completed death certificate with the Bureau of Vital Statistics and obtain certified copies for you.

The Medical Examiner's investigation and report are usually completed within four to six weeks; however, this timeframe varies, depending upon the depth of the investigation. Next-of-kin wishing to obtain a copy of the report may send a letter to our office at the address below, indicating relationship to the deceased and a phone number where they can be reached. Please include a check or money order in the amount of $20, payable to St. Charles County. A copy of the report will be mailed to you as soon as it is available. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact our office at 636-949-1878.

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