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DORA’s Division of Registrations Director Issues Cease & Desist Order of Pipkin Mortuary in Denver

DENVER – Director Rosemary McCool of DORA’s Division of Registrations today issued a cease and desist order for Pipkin Mortuary run by Mark Pipkin of Denver. The order restricts Mr. Pipkin from taking any new contracts effective immediately and allows for the existing funerals to continue through Tuesday, February 9.

Mr. Pipkin failed to register his mortuary, which is now required under Colorado law. The law went into effect January 1, 2010. Mr. Pipkin dropped off an application today for registration, but Director McCool will not process it until an investigation is complete on the switching of bodies reported in the Jackson cases. The family of Imogene Jackson, who was remembered Saturday, reported that her body arrived almost an hour late to the funeral, after Pipkin Mortuary misplaced her remains and initially put the wrong person in the casket.

“Our investigation on this case began immediately when we learned of the story from the media” said McCool. “I hope to get to the bottom of why this problem may have occurred in the first place and prevent it from happening again.”

Following DORA’s investigation of Pipkin Mortuary, Director McCool will review the application for registration and determine whether or not registration with or without restrictions will be granted.

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