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Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Authorization to Release Body

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) will not release a decedent without receipt of the **COMPLETED AND SIGNED BODY RELEASE AUTHORIZATION** form from the funeral home or crematory representative at the time of removal.

Decedent's Full Name: _____

Decedent's Race: _____ Sex: _____

The undersigned hereby requested that the VA OCME release the body of the above named decedent to:

Funeral Home/Crematory: _____

Funeral Home/Crematory Address: _____

Funeral Home/Crematory Phone Number: _____

The undersigned represents that he/she has full authority to authorize the release of the decedent pursuant to the Code of Virginia because he/she is:

- The legal next of kin pursuant to § 54.1-2800, or
- A person designated to make arrangements for disposition of the decedent's remains as pursuant to § 54.1-2825, or
- An agent named in an advance directive pursuant to § 64.1-2984, or
- Any guardian appointed pursuant to Chapter 20 (§ 64.2-2000) of Title 64.2 who may exercise the powers conferred in the order of appointment or by § 64.2-2019, or
- Upon the failure or refusal of such next of kin, designated person, agent, or guardian to accept the responsibility for the disposition of the decedent, then any other person 18 years of age or older who is able to provide positive identification of the deceased and is willing to pay for the costs associated with the disposition of the decedent's remains.

Next of Kin/Designee/Guardian for Decedent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Next of Kin/Designee/Guardian for Decedent Name (Print): _____

Relationship to the Decedent: _____

Funeral Home/Crematory Representative (Print Name): _____

Funeral Home/Crematory Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please present the completed and signed form at the time of the removal. The form may be faxed prior to pick-up of the decedent. If you should have questions regarding the form and/or release procedure, please contact the appropriate OCME District.