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To Whom It May Concern:

I _____, the legal next of kin to
_____, give permission to _____,
to identify _____ at the Office of the Chief
Medical Examiner via a postmortem photograph.

Sincerely,

(signature of legal next of kin)

Relationship _____

Address (street, city, state, zip code) _____

Phone number _____

Date _____

PETITION FOR AWARD OF CUSTODY
OF THE REMAINS OF A DECEDENT
(APPLICATION BY OFFICIAL DESIGNATED
BY STATUTE)
CM-24 REV. 10/05

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

RECORDED:

COURT OF PROBATE
[Type or print in black ink.]

TO: COURT OF PROBATE,

DISTRICT NO.

IN THE MATTER OF

Date of Death:

Town of Domicile or Residence:

Hereinafter referred to as the DECEASED

PETITIONER [Name, address, and zip code]

PETITIONER IS:

- ☐ Licensed Funeral Director
☐ Director of Health
☐ A Selectman
☐ Other Chief Officer [Specify title.]
☐ Another person or institution holding the deceased person's body.

The petitioner represents that:

1. The deceased was a resident of, or was domiciled in, said probate district.
2. The petitioner presently serves as indicated above in or for the town of residence or domicile of said deceased.
3. ☐ The deceased left no designated person or spouse or next of kin surviving, OR
 - ☐ Any designated person or spouse or next of kin could not be contacted within 48 hours of the decedent's death or the discovery of the body.
 - ☐ The designated person or spouse or next of kin has declined to assume custody and control of the remains of said deceased to the date hereof.
4. There is no proceeding pending or contemplated under C.G.S. §§54-102, 19a-270, or 19a-406 to 19a-408, inclusive, which would preclude consideration of this matter by the Court.
5. ☐ The petitioner is not aware of any duly-witnessed writing designating a person to have custody and control of the remains of the deceased, OR
6. ☐ The petitioner has attached hereto a duly-witnessed writing designating a person to have custody and control of the remains of the deceased.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests the Court to enter a decree granting custody and control of the remains of said deceased to some suitable person, all pursuant to the provisions of C.G.S. §45a-318.

Dated at: _____, Connecticut, on [Month, Day, Year]

The representations contained herein are made under the penalties of false statement.

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Petitioner: