BEFORE THE BOARD OF MORTUARY SCIENCE EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
CRAIG WATTS, F.D.	)	**CASE NO. MS-03-008**
Lic. # 104-02115	)	
	)	**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**
Respondent.	)	

COMES NOW the Complainant, Ella Mae Baird, and states:

1. The Complainant is the Administrator of the Iowa Board of Mortuary Science Examiners (Board) and files these charges on behalf of the Board solely in her official capacity.

2. The Board has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 156, and 272C (2003).

3. Craig Watts (Respondent) was first licensed as a funeral director in Iowa on October 8, 1977. Respondent was issued license number 104-02115.

4. Respondent's license lapsed in July 1999, and was not reinstated until April 7, 2003. During the period of lapse, Respondent continued to practice mortuary science at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, Iowa. Respondent's license lapsed a second time in September 2003, and is currently in a lapsed status.

5. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 156.4(2) persons shall not engage in the practice of mortuary science unless licensed. Pursuant to 641 Iowa Admin. Code sections 101.13(2) and 102.6 funeral directors are prohibited from practicing mortuary science on a lapsed license, and are subject to discipline if they do perform acts requiring licensure after a license lapses and prior to reinstatement.

6. On December 11, 2003, the Board found probable cause to file the following charges:

Count I

Respondent engaged in a practice harmful or detrimental to the public by repeatedly practicing mortuary science on a lapsed license, in violation of Iowa Code sections 147.55(3) and (8), 156.4(2), 156.9(1) and (2)(d), and 272C.10(3) and (8), and 645 Iowa Admin. Code 101.13(2) and 102.6.

WHEREFORE, the Complainant requests that a hearing be held in this matter and that the Board take such action as it deems appropriate under the law.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On December 11, 2003, the Iowa Board of Mortuary Science Examiners found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order a hearing be set in this case.

This Statement of Charges is approved by the board on December 31st, 2003.