

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

**ERIC TRIMBLE, F.D.
Lic. # 104-01897**

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CASE NO. MS-01-020

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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 (2001, 2003).

3. Eric Trimble (Trimble) was first licensed as a funeral director in Iowa on October 30, 1970. Trimble was issued license number 104-01897. His license is current until November 15, 2005.

4. Trimble operates a funeral home in Moline, Illinois. He employs or otherwise contracts with funeral directors who are licensed in Illinois, but not in Iowa. Trimble is believed to be licensed in both Iowa and Illinois.

5. The Board received a complaint in December, 2001, alleging that Trimble has allowed persons who are not licensed as funeral directors in Iowa to remove deceased individuals in Iowa and transport them to Illinois.

6. The Board received an investigative report in August 2004, which verified the allegations of the complaint.

7. In summary, in 2001 Trimble directed unlicensed persons associated with him to transport from Iowa to his establishment in Illinois multiple deceased individuals.

8. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 156.4(2) (2001, 2003) persons shall not engage in the practice of mortuary science in Iowa unless licensed in the state of Iowa. Iowa licensed funeral directors are subject to discipline, pursuant to Iowa Code section 156.9(2)(c), if they knowingly aid, assist, procure, advise or allow a person to unlawfully practice mortuary science.

9. On September 9, 2004, the Board found probable cause to charge Trimble with violating Iowa Code section 156.9(2)(c).

COUNT I

Trimble is charged with repeatedly and knowingly aiding, assisting, procuring, advising and/or allowing persons to unlawfully practice mortuary science in Iowa, in violation of Iowa Code section 156.9(2)(c) (2001, 2003).

WHEREFORE, the Complainant prays 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 September 9, 2004, 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 February 1, 2005.