

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

State Banking Department Seizes Records of Black's Carthage Funeral Home, Carthage, Texas

Date: November 10, 2005

On November 10, 2005, the Texas Department of Banking (Department) seized the records relating to the prepaid funeral benefit contracts sold by **Black's Carthage Funeral Home (Black's), in Carthage, Texas**. Black's violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts without a permit issued by the Department. The Department served Black's with a Cease and Desist Order ordering Black's to cease selling prepaid funeral benefit contracts and cease collecting associated funds.

If you purchased a prepaid funeral benefit contract from Black's, contact the Department to verify the status of your contract and to find out more about your options. The Department's address and phone number is:

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Special Audits Division
2601 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78705-4294

Toll-free (877) 276-5554, at the menu prompt select "3" for Inquiries/Complaints, at the next prompt select "6" for Funeral Contracts/Cemeteries or Directly (512) 475-1285