

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

State Banking Department Seizes Records and Funds of Grundy Funeral Home, Greenville, Texas

Date: October 8, 2003

On October 6, 2003, the Texas Department of Banking seized the records and funds relating to the trust-funded prepaid funeral benefit contracts sold by Grundy Funeral Home ("Grundy"), Greenville, Texas. Grundy was issued Permit Number 1010 on June 1, 1998, to sell prepaid funeral benefit contracts. Grundy has violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by failing to submit to an examination as required under Chapter 154 and misappropriating prepaid funds.

In accordance with Section 25.19 of the Texas Administrative Code, the Department will begin proceedings to enter into an agreement with another funeral home to service the outstanding contracts of purchasers who elect to keep their contracts. The Department's goal is to preserve the rights and interests of purchasers by transferring responsibility to perform the contracts to a responsible successor selected by the Banking Commissioner of Texas. Purchasers of prepaid funeral benefit contracts with Grundy are asked to direct any payments due under their contracts as well as inquiries to verify contract status to the:

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Toll-free (877) 276-5554, at the menu prompts select "3" for Consumer Complaints/Inquiries, then "6" for Prepaid Funeral Contract/Perpetual Care Cemetery or directly at (512) 475-1285.