

# **Texas Department of Banking**

## **Press Release**

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### **State Banking Department Seizes Records and Funds of Burgess-Fry Funeral Home, Inc., Bowie, Texas**

Date: March 18, 2005

On March 18, 2005, the Texas Department of Banking seized the records and funds relating to the trust-funded prepaid funeral benefit contracts sold by Burgess-Fry-Owens-Brumley Funeral Home, Inc. ("Burgess-Fry"), Bowie, Texas. Burgess-Fry has violated Chapter 154 of the Texas Finance Code by failing to properly deposit prepaid funeral funds as required under Chapter 154.

In accordance with Section 25.19 of the Texas Administrative Code, the Department will begin proceedings to find another funeral home to service the outstanding contracts of purchasers who elect to keep their contracts. The Department's goal is to protect the rights and interests of purchasers by transferring responsibility to perform the contracts to a responsible successor selected by the Banking Commissioner of Texas.

If you purchased a prepaid funeral benefit contract from Burgess-Fry, please contact the Department to verify the status of your contract and to find out more about your rights and options. Additionally, send any payments due under your contract to the Department. The Department's address and phone number is:

Texas Department of Banking  
Special Audits Division  
2601 N. Lamar Blvd.  
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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.