

# **Texas Department of Banking**

## **Press Release**

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### **Department of Banking Issues Final Orders Against Bellwood Memorial Park, Inc., Temple, Texas**

Date: December 17, 2008

Two final orders issued by the Texas Department of Banking (Department) against Bellwood Memorial Park, Inc. (Bellwood), Temple, Texas, became final on December 16, 2008. Bellwood is a corporation currently holding a certificate of authority to operate a perpetual care cemetery in Temple, Texas. One order requires Bellwood to cease and desist from selling any new markers or monuments to consumers and the other order requires Bellwood to pay a \$23,000 administrative penalty to the Department for its past conduct. The orders were necessary because of Bellwood's continued failure to timely order and set markers and/or monuments purchased and paid for by consumers. Bellwood elected not to appeal either order by filing a motion for rehearing by the required deadline.

Inquiries regarding your marker or monument purchased from Bellwood should be directed to:

Texas Department of Banking  
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.