



REQUESTING A FORENSIC AUTOPSY POLICY

Policy# 14-0627-2 Requesting A Forensic Autopsy (2 pages)

Purpose: To have a policy on the procedures to request a forensic autopsy.

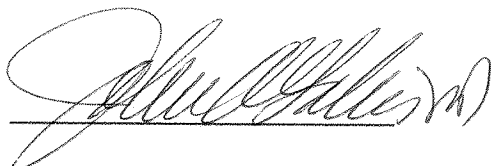
Justification: To aid in determining the cause of death from a forensic autopsy, it is important to provide the forensic pathologist with adequate information gathered from the scene examination.

Policy:

1. Currently all requests for a forensic autopsy are made to Montgomery County Coroner's Office.
2. Montgomery County Coroner's Office may be referred to as MCCO.
3. The body will be prepared for removal as described in policy# 12-0810-1 Body Removal Policy.
4. As soon as feasible, the death will be reported to the investigator on call at Montgomery County Coroner's Office at 937/225-4156. Verbal information will be given as necessary.
5. As soon as feasible but prior to the scheduled autopsy, the MCCO Autopsy Request Form (copy attached to this policy), designed and generated by this office, will be completed and either faxed to 937/228-6703 or emailed to their investigator on duty. A complete list of MCCO investigators and email address listed under contacts in Coroner Folder in DropBox.

6. Also prior to the scheduled autopsy, and if important to the forensic examination, the necessary number of scene photos will be emailed to the MCCO investigator on duty to share with the forensic pathologist.
7. If autopsy scheduled on a weekday, copy/email all forms, documents and photos to MCCO Chief Investigator. He/She will assure all information is made available to the forensic pathologist prior to the autopsy.
8. Confirm with MCCO as to whom the forensic pathologist is to call when the preliminary autopsy findings.
9. Pre-Lim findings shall be documented in case file and the coroner and/or law enforcement will be updated as necessary.
10. Next of kin will be notified as per Policy# 14-0530-2 Next of Kin Notification.

This policy has been approved and is in effect until further notice:



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Date