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IN THE MATTER OF
MURRAY COHEN, DECEASED

:
: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
: MIDDLESEX COUNTY: CHANCERY
: DIVISION
:
: CIVIL ACTION
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: DOCKET NUMBER: C-150-05
:
: AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL S. VEGA, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me the undersigned office duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, RUSSELL S. VEGA, M.D., who after being first cautioned and sworn upon his oath, and upon his personal knowledge, says:

1. My name is Russell S. Vega and I make this affidavit based on my personal knowledge.
2. I am a Florida resident and over the age of 18 years.
3. I am a medical doctor duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Florida.
4. I am currently the Chief Medical Examiner for the Twelfth District of the State of Florida.

5. As the Chief Medical Examiner, it is my duty under Florida law to investigate deaths that have occurred within my jurisdiction.

6. It is also my duty and within my authority in the State of Florida to order a body to be exhumed, if required to do so.

7. Based upon my investigation, I am familiar with the facts and circumstances concerning the cause of death for Murray B. Cohen.

8. The results of my investigation into the cause of death of Murray B. Cohen suggest that Murray B. Cohen's death was natural and was ultimately the result of his long-standing heart disease.

9. Since the time of my investigation, I am unaware of any new evidence that has affected my opinion as to Murray B. Cohen's cause of death or that would otherwise alter the results my investigation.

10. Accordingly, I do not believe the exhumation of the body of Murray B. Cohen is warranted.

11. Additionally, I do not believe that I have the authority to order the exhumation of the body of Murray B. Cohen, as his body is no longer located within the State of Florida.

12. However, if required by law to do so and should such exhumation be necessary to further my investigation into the death of Murray B. Cohen, I will work with the Sarasota Sheriff's Office and the appropriate law enforcement officials in the State of New Jersey to exhume the body of Murray B. Cohen.

13. If an exhumation and autopsy are ordered by the court, I will, in order to meet my statutory responsibilities, need to be present to directly supervise the exhumation and supervise or perform the autopsy.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Russell S. Vega

RUSSELL S. VEGA, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of JUNE,
2005, by Russell S. Vega, M.D.



Sandra K Wurzer
My Commission DD157852
Expires October 13, 2006

Sandra K Wurzer

Notary Public, State of Florida

SANDRA K. WURZER

Printed Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____