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EWTeam

Empath Way Technology is a full-service forensic pathology facility staffed by a board-certified forensic pathologist, professionally licensed morgue operators, autopsy technicians, trained body removal and transport agents providing all levels of autopsies, forensic investigation and expert witness testimony. We serve both law enforcement and private families that wish to confirm the cause of death and the influencing factors that were involved. Empath Way Technology utilizes experienced administrative personnel that employ cloud-based computer systems to track chain of custody and reporting documents for each case.

WHY A PRIVATE AUTOPSY?

- **Closure.** When a death occurs, families may question the reasons why. An autopsy can address questions and help families to move on emotionally.
- **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE.** Families may question whether their loved one received proper care in a hospital or clinic or in being transported.
- **Insurance issues.** Families may be due additional compensation when the death of a loved one is the result of an accident. A private autopsy will help determine the cause.
- **Lawsuits.** A private autopsy acts as evidence in support of lawsuits against companies, organizations, individuals, etc.
- **Second Opinion.** If the next of kin questions a diagnosis from the hospital or medical facility, a private autopsy provides a second opinion.
- **Health risks.** The findings of an autopsy may identify an illness that represents a health risk to other family members.

In the State of Texas, next of kin can request a private autopsy directly from Empath Way.

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Forensic Pathology

Private Autopsy Services

Effective May 1, 2023

BASIC AUTOPSY SERVICES

- Private Autopsy \$4,000
- Transport of the Body – Quote

Private Autopsy: The first step is for our pathologist to speak with the family and ensure we understand what the family is expecting from a private autopsy.

Next is gathering information about the subject and the events leading to his or her demise, consulting medical records, doctors and family members and examining the location and circumstances of death. Then a thorough internal and external examination is conducted where the pathologist removes and dissects the chest, abdominal and pelvic organs, and (if necessary) the brain and extremities. Bodies that have undergone autopsy are still able to have open-casket funerals, even in the case of brain autopsy

The pathologist completes the autopsy with a written report and lab test results as appropriate for the case.

Additional services not included in the Private Autopsy fee may be requested and will be quoted at the time of request:

- Histology & toxicology lab work
- Anthropology of bone parts
- Preparation of microscope slides
- Preparation & attendance in court
- Storage of the Body (Refrigeration):

24 hours post autopsy	Free
Each Day (2-7 days)	\$50/day
Day 8 and thereafter	\$100/day

Surcharges:

Obese (>300#) +add	\$300
Obese (>500#) +add	\$800
Expedited autopsy	2X norm fee
Records retention	\$5/case

Families may wish to request a medical records review as part of their investigation into the death of a loved one. This review is carried out by our forensic pathologists on a case-by-case basis. The fee for this review service is:

Simple review: \$500
Comprehensive review: \$1,700



Please be aware that completion of a comprehensive autopsy involves analysis of the deceased, lab reports, research and the drafting of an official autopsy report, all of which may require weeks or months to finalize.

ADMINISTRATION

Private autopsies must be fully paid for in advance of services rendered.

Prices are quoted based on all required documents being executed on a timely basis. Delays in documentation and or availability of staff to present and receive the body may result in additional charges.

Our customers may pay by cash, check, credit card or ACH (preferred).

Hours of operation are M-F, 8am to 5pm for receiving and delivering of the deceased with autopsies being performed on a daily schedule.

Expedited autopsies are subject to a 2x charge.

