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RE: Our clients : Briana Rice, next of kin to Aaron Rice,
And the Estate of Aaron Rice
Date of Incident : On or about 01/21/2024

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Spoliation Notice and Notice to Prevent Automatic Data Purge

Greetings:

On behalf of Briana Rice, daughter to Aaron Rice, notice is hereby given of her tort claims against you relative to the death and decay of the corpse of Aaron Rice, who died at the Central City Concern Estate Hotel building (224 NW Couch St., Portland, OR 97209) in January of 2024. Ms. Rice may bring claims against you individually, as well as in her capacity as the putative personal representative of Aaron Rice's estate. This notice extends to all claims that may be brought both by the Estate and by other estate beneficiaries individually, including for survivorship, breach of the right of sepulcher, wrongful death, and for punitive damages.

Aaron Rice was referred to the Central City Concern Shoreline Building by the Multnomah County Department of Community Justice in the spring/summer of 2023. He then transferred from PTP housing at the Shoreline to the sober living and employment assistance housing programs at the Estate Hotel in the fall/winter of 2023/2024. His corpse was later discovered decaying in his single-occupancy room on or about January 21, 2024, more than two weeks postmortem. The programming at Central City Concern includes daily monitoring and case management services capable of ensuring monitoring to prevent Mr. Rice's death and, failing that, the timely discovery of Mr. Rice's corpse

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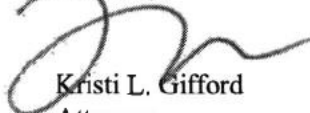
following death. This hereby revokes all prior authorizations to obtain information concerning my client(s). Please direct all calls and further correspondence to this office.

You are hereby advised that you are under a legal duty to maintain, preserve, retain, protect, and not to destroy all documents and data, both electronic and hard copy, which may be relevant to my clients' claims, including but not limited to witness identities and contact information, employee, resident and member contact information, surveillance video, photographs, correspondence, e-mails, and all documents specified above. Failure to preserve and retain these materials could be deemed a spoliation of evidence which may be subject to legal claims for damages and/or evidentiary sanctions. Please also take the necessary steps to preserve all electronic and hard copy data relating to this claim. This includes taking action to preserve all video footage and other data which may subject to any automatic data purges.

For purposes of this notice, electronic data or electronic evidence shall include, but is not be limited to, each of the above listed items, all text files (including word processing documents), video footage, photographs, financial data, spread sheets, e-mail files and information concerning e-mail files (including logs of e-mail history and usage, header information, and deleted files), internet history files and preferences, graphical files in any format, databases, calendar and scheduling information, task lists, voice mail, instant messaging and other electronic communications, telephone logs, contact managers, computer system activity logs, and all file fragments, internet usage files, offline storage or information stored on removable media or storage media, information contained on laptops, or other portable devices, network access information and backup files containing electronic data or electronic evidence.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further. I would appreciate receiving acknowledgement of our representation within seven (7) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

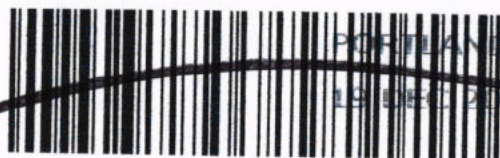


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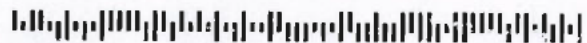
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