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David Chisholm
Assistant Director of EMS
Washington County Division of Emergency Services

Dear Mr. Chisholm,

Our lead county investigator for Washington County, Melanie Shank, informed me that you wanted something in writing with regard to the disposition of deceased remains. On cases that do not meet Medical Examiner criteria and we do not accept jurisdiction, it is the responsibility of Law Enforcement to contact the deceased's primary care physician to ensure that the death certificate will be signed for proper disposition of the deceased. On cases that meet Medical Examiner criteria and we accept jurisdiction, it is the responsibility of our Forensic Investigator to arrange transport, coordinate the disposition of the remains and to ensure a signed death certificate.

Sincerely,

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