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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

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LEONARD POZNER.

Plaintiff

VS.

Case No. 18CV3122

JAMES FETZER,
MIKE PALECEK,
WRONGS WITHOUT WREMEDIES, LLC,
Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF SAMUEL GREEN

Samuel Green, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I make the following statements of my own knowledge.
- 2. I am licensed by the State of Connecticut as a funeral director and been so licensed since 1979.
- 3. I operate Abraham L. Green and Son Funeral Home in Fairfield, Connecticut. The funeral home was started by my father, Abraham L. Green, in 1948. I have been involved in the business for 41 years.
- 4. My funeral home prepared Noah Samuel Pozner's body for burial and held his funeral service. I was personally involved in that process. My funeral home obtained Noah Pozner's remains from the medical examiner. My funeral home obtained the death certificate form, at that point only partially completed, from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.
- 5. At no point did Mr. Pozner possess the partially-completed death certificate. Noah Pozner's original death certificate did not leave my company's possession until it was filed at the town clerk's office.
- 6. The nature of my business, as a funeral director, means I am quite familiar with the Connecticut Death Certificate forms and the process by which those forms are completed.
- 7. Connecticut uses two death certificate forms (in addition to a fetal death certificate that is rarely used). One, form "VS-4", is for anticipated deaths, for

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example a person who succumbs to diagnosed terminal cancer. The other, form "VS-4ME" is for deaths investigated by the Medical Examiner. Because Noah Pozner's death was investigated by the Medical Examiner, my explanation of the process will focus on the "VS-4ME" form.

- 8. The process of filling out a VS-4ME death certificate involves multiple entities entering information at different times. The form itself consists of a series of boxes, most but not all have numbers and labels. The required information must be typed or legibly written into those boxes. At the time of Noah Pozner's death and funeral, my funeral home typically used a typewriter to fill out death certificates.
- 9. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner fills out the shaded portions. Those are boxes 3-4, 23-27, and 36-53. There is also a portion of the form for the registrar's signature.
- 10. At the time I received Noah Pozner's death certificate, the Medical Examiner's portion of the death certificate, which consists of shaded boxes, had been completed.
- In preparation for this affidavit I reviewed a copy of Noah Samuel 11. Pozner's death certificate, which is attached as Exhibit A to this Affidavit.
- 12. My funeral home entered information in boxes 1, 2 and 5-22, 28-35, and boxes 54-58 as well as the social security number on Noah Pozner's death certificate. I personally filled out portions of the death certificate for Noah Samuel Pozner.
- 13. The information in boxes 1, 2 and 5-22, and 28-35 on the copy of Noah Pozner's death certificate attached as Exhibit A to this Affidavit is unchanged from the information that I typed in those boxes in December of 2012, with the exception of redactions in boxes 29, 30 and the decedent's social security number.
- 14, My signature appears in box 34 of the death certificate. My state license number appears in box 35.

- 15. After the process of filling out the death certificate is complete (excluding the registrar's portion), the death certificate is used to obtain a removal, transit and burial permit. Burial permits are issued by the registrar in either of two places: the town where death occurred or in the town where the funeral home is located. My funeral home obtained the burial permit for Noah Pozner and paid the fee for that permit, which at the time was \$3. Because Noah Pozner's body was prepared for funeral at my funeral home in Fairfield, I obtained his burial permit from the town of Fairfield. It is the responsibility of the sexton of the cemetery to forward the burial permit to the proper registrar following interment.
- 16. I personally performed the preparation of Noah Pozner's body for his funeral. That included the restorative procedures and religious preparation. I used a photo of Noah Pozner in connection with the restorative procedures so I could see what he looked like prior to his death. This is the picture that I used:



- 17. I am absolutely certain that the body I prepared for funeral was that of the boy in the picture.
- 18. I recall Noah Pozner's funeral. The funeral service was held at my funeral home. It was the only time in my career that the police canine performed a bomb sweep of my funeral home prior to a funeral and the door was locked and guarded by state and town police. Governor Malloy and the Lieutenant Governor attended the funeral. I personally escorted them into the funeral chapel and brought

them to the family where they expressed their condolences to the family. Following the service, the casket containing Noah Pozner's body was escorted by the pallbearers and was then placed in a hearse. I was in the lead car of the funeral procession with the hearse immediately behind me at all times. The police escorted the procession blocked the adjacent lane of the freeway as we proceeded to the cemetery.

- 19. I attended Noah Pozner's burial at the cemetery. I witnessed the casket being removed from the hearse and being brought to Noah's gravesite. I witnessed Noah Pozner's casket being lowered into his grave. I watched funeral attendees shovel earth onto Noah Pozner's casket after it was lowered into the grave. I supervised the closing of the vault and the filling of the grave by the caretakers.
- 20. I can unequivocally state that the funeral took place and that Noah Pozner's body was buried at B'nai Israel Cemetery in Monroe, Connecticut on December 17, 2012. I remember that because it was originally going to be held on December 16, but it was delayed by a day because of President Obama's visit. I personally changed the date in box 31 of the death certificate to ensure the death certificate accurately reflected the burial date.
- 21. In response to a subpoena, Abraham L. Green and Son Funeral Home has produced documents related to services we provided in connection with the funeral of Noah Pozner.
- 22. The video produced in response to the subpoena was taken during Noah Pozner's funeral. The video was made at the time of the funeral. It is a regular practice for my funeral home to capture video of a funeral service if such is requested by the family. It is also a regular practice of my funeral home to keep a copy of videos made during funerals.
- 23. The invoice I have produced in response to the subpoena was prepared at or near the time of Noah Pozner's funeral. The invoice appears to accurately reflect the costs of the services incurred in the preparation of Noah Pozner's body as well as

the funeral and burial. It is standard practice of my funeral home to prepare an invoice for funerals and we typically maintain those records.

- 24. The funeral case record I produced was prepared at or near the time of Noah Pozner's funeral. This record appears to be accurate. It is standard practice of my funeral home to prepare and to maintain a funeral case record.
- 25. Each of the records produced in response to the subpoena was made at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth by, or from information transmitted by, a person with knowledge of those matters.
- 26. Each of the records was kept in the course of the regularly conducted activity.
- 27. Each of the records was made of the regularly conducted activity as a regular practice.
- 28. I have read the foregoing affidavit and acknowledge the contents thereof and affirm I truthfully executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

 \mathcal{A} th day of April, 2019.

Notary Public, State of Connectice

My Commission expires:

Exhibit A: Noah Pozner's Death Certificate

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