

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SALINE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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JOHN B. JONES,)
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Defendant.)

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INFORMATION

Saline County Special Prosecutor Charles R. Zalar charges:

Count I

Between August 14, 2007 and September 13, 2007 in Saline County, Illinois, the defendant, John B. Jones, committed the offense of Failure to Deposit Funds into a Trust Account, in that he, having received sales proceeds from the sale of a pre-need funeral contract for Edith Lucas in the amount of \$ 4,910.14, intentionally failed to either deposit the proceeds into a trust account as required by 225 ILCS 45/2 for the benefit of Edith Lucas, or to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Edith Lucas as required by 225 ILCS 45/2a, in violation of 225 ILCS 45/8, a Class 4 felony.

Count II

On August 14, 2007 the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft, in that he knowingly obtained by deception control over property of Edith Lucas, being \$4,910.67 to fund a pre-need funeral contract for the benefit of Edith Lucas, by representing that the funds would be used to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Edith Lucas, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive her of the use or benefit of the property, in that he failed to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Edith Lucas, or place the funds in trust for hrer benefit, and deposited the money into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(2)(B), a Class 3 Felony. The Statute of Limitations is extended pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/ 3-6 (a)(2) because the offense involves the breach of a fiduciary duty owed to Edith Lucas, and the offense was not discovered until the time of her death on March 13, 2010.

Count III

On or about June 1, 2007, the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft, in that he knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Oral Hale, being \$8,365.96 to fund a pre-need funeral contract for the benefit of Oral Hale, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive him of the use or benefit of the funds, in that he failed to purchase either a life insurance policy or annuity to fund the pre-need contract, or to place the funds in trust, and instead deposited the funds into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home, which funds were then used to pay the operating expenses of the funeral home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(1)(B), a Class 3 Felony. The Statute of Limitations is extended pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/ 3-6 (a)(2) because the offense involves the breach of a fiduciary duty owed to Oral Hale, and the offense was not discovered by Oral Hale until the spring of 2010.

Count IV

On or about June 1, 2007, the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft, in that he knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Ernestine and Oral Hale, being \$7,854.71 to fund a pre-need funeral contract for the benefit of Ernestine Hale, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive her of the use or benefit of the funds, in that he failed to purchase either a life insurance policy or annuity to fund the pre-need contract, or to place the funds in trust for her benefit, and instead deposited the funds into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home, which funds were then used to pay the operating expenses of the funeral home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(1)(B), a Class 3 Felony. The Statute of Limitations is extended pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/ 3-6 (a)(2) because the offense involves the breach of a fiduciary duty owed to Ernestine Hale, and the offense was not discovered by Oral Hale until the spring of 2010.

Count V

Between January 8, 2008 and February 6, 2008 in Saline County, Illinois, the defendant, John B. Jones, committed the offense of Failure to Deposit Funds into a Trust Account, in that he, having received sales proceeds from the sale of a pre-need funeral contract for Alma Bishop in the amount of \$ 8,000, intentionally failed to either deposit the proceeds into a trust account as required by 225 ILCS 45/2 for the benefit of Alma Bishop, or to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Alma Bishop as required by 225 ILCS 45/2a, in violation of 225 ILCS 45/8, a Class 4 felony.

Count VI

Between August 28, 2007 and September 26, 2007, in Saline County, Illinois, the defendant, John B. Jones, committed the offense of Failure to Deposit Funds into a Trust Account, in that he, having received sales proceeds from the sale of a pre-need funeral contract for Alice Hayes in the amount of \$ 10,160.21, intentionally failed to either deposit the proceeds into a trust account as required by 225 ILCS 45/2 for the benefit of Alice Hayes, or to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Alice Hayes, as required by 225 ILCS 45/2a, in violation of 225 ILCS 45/8, a Class 4 felony.

Count VII

On or about February 1, 2008, the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft, in that he knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Lula Mary Kane, being \$5,496.01 to fund a pre-need funeral contract for the benefit of Lula Mary Kane, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive her of the use or benefit of the funds, in that he failed to purchase either a life insurance policy or annuity to fund the pre- need contract, or to place the funds in trust, and instead deposited the funds into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home, which funds were then used to pay the operating expenses of the funeral home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(1)(B), a Class 3 Felony.

Count VIII

Between January 9, 2008 and February 7, 2008 in Saline County, Illinois, the defendant, John B. Jones, committed the offense of Failure to Deposit Funds into a Trust Account. in that he, having received sales proceeds from the sale of a pre-need funeral contract for Lula Mary Kane in the amount of \$ 5,496.01, intentionally failed to either deposit the proceeds into a trust account as required by 225 ILCS 45/2 for the benefit of Lula Mary Kane, or to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of Alma Bishop as required by 225 ILCS 45/2a, in violation of 225 ILCS 45/8, a Class 4 felony.

Count IX

Between January 23, 2006 and February 14, 2006, the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft, in that he knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Helen Butler and Johnnie Hall, being \$5,399.55 in the form of two checks, which were paid to fund a pre-need funeral contract for the benefit of Helen Butler, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive her of the use or benefit of the funds, in that he failed to purchase either a life insurance policy or annuity to fund the pre- need contract, or to place the funds in trust, and instead deposited the funds into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home,

which funds were then used to pay the operating expenses of the funeral home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(1)(B), a Class 3 Felony. The Statute of Limitations is extended in this case pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/3-6(a)(2) in that the offense involves the breach of a fiduciary duty owed to Helen Butler, and was not discovered until approximately June 30, 2010 by Johnnie Hall, a person with the legal capacity to represent Helen Butler.

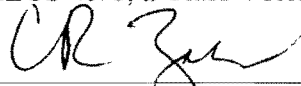
Count X

Between September 26, 2007 and October 11, 2007, the defendant John B. Jones committed the offense of Theft over \$10,000 but less than \$100,000, in that he knowingly exerted unauthorized control over property of Jonah and Doris Reynolds, being \$16,460.53 in the form of two checks, which were paid to fund pre-need funeral contracts for the benefit of Jonah and Doris Reynolds, and knowingly used the funds in such a manner as to deprive them of the use or benefit of the funds, in that he failed to purchase either a life insurance policy or annuity to fund the pre- need contract, or to place the funds in trust, and instead deposited the funds into the checking account of Gaskins- Jones Funeral Home, which funds were then used to pay the operating expenses of the funeral home, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (a)(1)(B), a Class 2 Felony.

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Count XI

Between September 26, 2007 and November 9, 2007, in Saline County, Illinois, the defendant, John B. Jones, committed the offense of Failure to Deposit Funds into a Trust Account, in that he, having received sales proceeds from the sale of pre-need funeral contracts for for Jonah and Doris Reynolds in the amount of \$ 16,650.53, intentionally failed to either deposit the proceeds into a trust account as required by 225 ILCS 45/2 for the benefit of Jonah and Doris Reynolds, or to purchase a life insurance policy on the life of each of them, as required by 225 ILCS 45/2a, in violation of 225 ILCS 45/8, a Class 4 felony.



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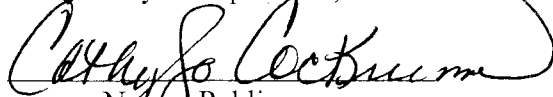
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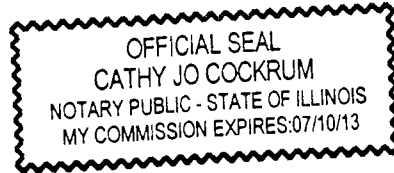
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and states that he has read the

forgoing information and the allegations contained therein are true and correct.


Charles R. Zalar

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 8th day of September, 2010


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