

From: Veldran, Katherine
To: Austin Smith (austinsmith@gov.sc.gov) <austinsmith@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 7/30/2015 12:44:46 PM
Subject: FW: More LLR drama

Can you help me with this?
Let's discuss when you're available.
Thanks, KV

From: Kenny Bingham [mailto:kbingham@aec-sc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 10:14 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Fwd: More LLR drama

Katherine, please see the email below. Michael Bishop owns a natural cemetery in Lexington County and has constantly been harassed by LLR over the past several years. To my knowledge, there has never been a legitimate problem, but they still seem to pick on him.

Can you help me get to the bottom of this? I know that the traditional funeral homes have an extreme dislike for him and his service.

Thanks!
Kenny

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Bishop <mbishop@springdalesc.com>
Date: July 29, 2015 at 9:46:30 PM EDT
To: "gillespieg@llr.sc.gov" <gillespieg@llr.sc.gov>
Cc: "kbingham@aec-sc.com" <kbingham@aec-sc.com>
Subject: More LLR drama

So I got an email from Wilenda Turner who owns a funeral merchandise store in Springdale, and she tells me that she had to remove a sign advertising my cemetery plots. The investigator, Rodney Pigford, felt that she was acting as a funeral director promoting funeral services if my information was displayed. She was told to remove it from the windows until the investigation was completed. Apparently someone has complained. I'm begging you to please help make this stop! I don't know why LLR feels the need to come after the individuals who don't have deep pockets and yet protect the large corporate funeral homes that actually do things wrong. I am scheduled to meet with the Inspector General and this is just one more thing that will be in the discussion. I can not for the life of me find where he has the authority to tell her to remove that flyer! Thanks for any help you can give.

Michael Bishop

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