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The following guidelines have been elucidated by the Putnam County Department of Law for the release of autopsy reports:

Under New York statutory law, autopsy reports are specifically exempted from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law. Thus, **AUTOPSY REPORTS ARE TO BE RELEASED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY CORONER ONLY IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:**

1. Autopsy reports shall be open for inspection, upon request of the Putnam County District Attorney.
2. Autopsy reports shall be made available to the spouse of the deceased, upon presentation of a valid picture identification*, issued by a government entity, a valid marriage license* or death certificate*, and a notarized Request For Autopsy Report.
3. Autopsy reports shall be made available to the personal representative of the estate of the deceased, upon presentation of a valid picture identification* issued by a government entity, and valid letters administration or letters testamentary* issued by the Surrogate Court.
4. Autopsy reports shall be made available to a parent of the deceased, upon presentation of a valid picture identification* issued by a government entity, and the birth certificate or death certificate* of the deceased, and a notarized Request For Autopsy Report.
5. Autopsy reports shall be made available to the next of kin of the deceased, upon presentation of a valid picture identification* issued by a government entity, presentation of a death certificate of the deceased*, and submission of a notarized Affidavit of Kinship, obtained from the Office of the Putnam Country Coroner.
6. Autopsy reports shall be made available upon an Order of a court of record or a Justice of the Supreme Court.

If a request falls within any of the above enumerated situations, the Putnam County Coroner has authority to release a copy of an autopsy report; all other requests must be denied.

ALL REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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***Photocopies acceptable.**