



**NIAGARA COUNTY  
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### **REQUESTS FOR RELEASE OF AUTOPSY REPORT**

Autopsy reports are to be released by the Office of the County Clerk with written permission of the Coroner in the following circumstances:

#### **SPOUSE OF THE DECEASED**

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification\*, issued by a US government entity, a valid marriage license\* or death certificate\*, and a notarized Niagara County Request for Autopsy Report.

#### **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED**

Autopsy reports shall be made available upon presentation of a valid photo identification\*, issued by a US government entity, and valid letters administration or letters testamentary\* issued by the Surrogate Court.

#### **NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED**

Autopsy reports shall be made available, upon presentation of a valid photo identification\* issued by a government entity, presentation of a death certificate of the deceased\*, and submission of a notarized AFFIDAVIT OF KINSHIP establishing that they are next of kin.

If a request falls within any of the these situations, the Office of the County Clerk, with written permission of the Coroner, has authority to release a copy of an autopsy report. All other requests must be denied.

#### **ALL REQUESTS AND DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SENT TO:**

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*AUTOPSY REPORTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER NEW YORK STATUTORY LAW*

\*Photocopies accepted