

Hello, We the Espinoza family come before you to tell our story as to why we support Senate-Bill 18-234.

First of all, we come before you to tell you about our father, Jerry Bobby Espinoza. Dad was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer January 26, 2014 and was given 3 to 6 months to live. After receiving this news, he told us his final wishes and what he wanted us to do with him after his death. Unfortunately, his health diminished quickly and he had to choose cremation, through the help of Hospice his body was taken to a mortuary in Cortez, Colorado. Which that mortuary contracted with a mortuary in Montrose, Colorado to do said cremation. This is where our nightmare begins:

Our father did not consent nor did we ever consent to any tissue or body donation, we used this mortuary to cremate his body only. What we did do was we entrusted this **Mortuary** to handle our father with dignity and respect that he deserved. We never in our wildest thoughts expected this nightmare to happen to us. We trusted that this mortuary would follow the wishes that our father had expressed prior to his death. When we look back at the turn of events after his passing, why we did not receive receipts of service, why we were unable to have a viewing prior to his cremation? We have no records of what was done with his body or where it is at. We have test that show his cremains are not of human origin. So, our question is what did they do to our father? Where did his cremains go, if he was ever actually cremated? The only thing now is that with this Senate-Bill 18-234 the following questions will somewhat be taken care of.

Why was this business owner able to have more than one business with-in the same property?

Why were there not special permits/requirements allowing for the removal of tissue for tissue banks?

Why was this business not reviewed by the city?

Why did the coroner allow this to happen?

We understand that this bill is a beginning to changes that need to take place.

In various news articles one mortuary states how lucrative the sale of body parts is, they even gone so far as to say they were able to go to Disney land on the gold teeth they collected from various deceased bodies. From what we understand no one involved with these mortuaries and the sale of body parts has the knowledge and or training in how to remove the body parts correctly. Your bill will set something in place which is good.

Let it be known that this has affected many other families not just ours, we have become part of a social media page and currently have 102 members on the page that have been affected from this. This is why we have come before you to ask that we be heard and this bill be passed and made into law. So that no other families can be victimized with this nightmare.

March 7, 2018

Lab no. 218065

Ms. Michelle Hutcheson
Private Lab Results LLC
3107 W. Colorado Ave
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904

Dear Ms. Hutcheson:

Enclosed are the x-ray diffraction (XRD) analytical results for two samples received with your PO no. C22418-1197.

A representative portion of each sample was ground to approximately -400 mesh in a steel swing mill, packed into a well-type plastic holder and then scanned with the diffractometer over the range, 3-61 2θ using Cu-K α radiation. The results of the scans are summarized as approximate mineral weight percent concentrations on the enclosed table. Estimates of mineral concentrations were made using our XRF-determined elemental compositions and the relative peak heights/areas on the XRD scans. One of these samples appears to contain "amorphous" (noncrystalline) material. Amorphous material appears only as a broad elevation in the background of the XRD scan so its composition cannot be determined and the estimate of its concentration should be considered an educated guess based on the difference between the total mineral concentration and 100%. The detection limit for an average mineral in these samples is ~1-3% and the analytical reproducibility is approximately equal to the square root of the amount. "Unidentified" accounts for that portion of the XRD scan which could not be resolved and a "?" indicates doubt in both mineral identification and amount.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,
Peggy Dalheim

Private Lab Results
3107 W. Colorado Ave. #265
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

March 12, 2018

Bobby Espinoza
804 W. First
Florence, CO 81226

Mr. Espinoza,

Thank you for placing your trust in Private Lab Results for testing cremated remains. Enclosed is the sample you sent for testing, the two chain of custody forms and the signed copy of the results. As we discussed, the results from the column on the left are from your sample, the results on the right are from known human remains. As you can see, the results show that your sample is not consistent with being human remains.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at info@privatelabresults.com or call 800-908-9117.

Regards,

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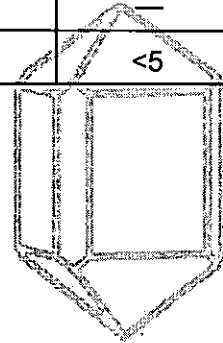
Michelle Hutcheson
Private Lab Results

Mineral Name	Chemical Formula	Approx. Wt %	
		C22418-1197	C22618-STD
Apatite	$\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4, \text{CO}_3)_3(\text{OH}, \text{F}, \text{Cl})$.75	>90
Quartz	SiO_2	<1	—
Plagioclase feldspar	$(\text{Na}, \text{Ca})\text{Al}(\text{Si}, \text{Al})_3\text{O}_8$	<2	—
Sylvite	KCl	<2?	—
Fluorite	CaF_2	<1?	—
Calcite	CaCO_3	—	<5
Muscovite	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	—	<2? ¹⁸
Gypsum	$\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	—	<1?
"Amorphous"	?	<25	—
"Unidentified"	?	<5	<5

Initial _____

Date _____

The Mineral Lab



Analysis performed by The Mineral Lab, Inc