

226.34 Investigation of death notice.

An investigation by the county medical examiner shall be held in those cases where a death shall occur suddenly and without apparent cause, or a patient die and the patient's relatives so request, but in the latter case the relatives making the request shall be liable for the expense of the same, and payment therefor may be required in advance. When a patient in any mental health institute shall die from any cause, the superintendent of said institute shall within three days of the date of death, send by certified mail a written notice of death to:

1. The decedent's nearest relative.
2. The clerk of the district court of the county from which the patient was committed, and
3. The sheriff of the county from which the patient was committed.

[C73, § 1439; C97, § 2303; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **3516**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 226.34]