

observed that under certain conditions township trustees are required to take charge of a dead person for burial purposes. It would be absurd to say that they could not deliver it to an undertaker for keeping during the thirty-six hour period which it is required to be held.

In specific answer to your inquiry it is my opinion that so long as the officers of a public institution keep the custody and control of the body of a deceased inmate for thirty-six hours, to the end that it may be delivered to relatives or friends if called for, they may actually cause said body to be kept at such place as in their discretion is proper for the preservation of the same. In no event, however, should such a body be delivered for dissection purposes until the expiration of thirty-six hours.

In order that the status of the body during the thirty-six hour interval be made clear, I suggest that a written communication accompany the body when it is sent to the medical college immediately after death. Such communication should state specifically that the body is transmitted to the college where it is to be held solely for and on behalf of the public officer charged by Section 9984, General Code, with its custody during such period.

At the same time, the notice to the professor of anatomy or president of the medical society can be sent. The communication should further state that further instructions with respect to the disposition of the body will be furnished at the end of the thirty-six hour period, and that no use of the body can be made, other than embalming, in the interval or prior to receiving further instructions.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES
AS RESIDENT DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR—HAROLD G.
BARBER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 2, 1932.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a bond upon which the name of Harold G. Barber appears as principal and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland appears as surety, in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars, conditioned to cover the faithful performance of the duties of the principal as Resident District Deputy Director assigned to Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties.

Finding said bond legal and proper as to form, I have endorsed my approval thereon and return the same herewith.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.