



1832 Flower Street
Bakersfield, California 93305

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORONER SECTION

Mortuary and Funeral Home Information

1. Office Hours:

- Due to Covid, our lobby is temporarily closed.

2. Mortuary Release Hours:

- Monday – Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Respond to our Morgue Ramp and ring the doorbell.

3. Forms: [located on website]

- Kern County Mortuary Release Form
 - Signed Form is required from the legal next-of-kin or the majority of next-of-kin. **Both parental** signatures are required.
- Kern County Authorization Form
 - Copies of Next of Kin's valid government identification is required with completed form.
- To facilitate scheduling of examination, please fax these forms, as soon as possible, to our office at (661) 868-0147.
- Our office will notify each mortuary when decedent is ready for release.

4. Fees

- There is no fee for out of county mortuary releases.

5. International Releases

- If verification of death or communicable disease letters are needed, notify the office via designated mortuary email when release is sent to our office.

6. Kern Medical – Shelter Care

- Provide completed Kern Medical Release Form at time of release.