

case may be, and the State's Attorney of Baltimore City, or of the County, as the case may be, of the known facts concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of such death. Immediately upon receipt of such notification, the said Medical Examiner shall go to the dead body and take charge of the same. Such Medical Examiner shall fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death and may take the names and addresses of as many witnesses thereto as may be practicable to obtain, and, before leaving the premises shall reduce such facts, as he may deem necessary to writing and file the same in his office. The Police Officer or Sheriff present at such investigation, or if no officer be present, then the Medical Examiner shall, in the absence of the next kin of the deceased person, take possession of all property of value found on such person, make an exact inventory thereof on his report and deliver such property to the Police Department in Baltimore City or Sheriff of the County, as the case may be, which shall surrender the same to the person entitled to its custody or possession; such Medical Examiner shall take possession of any object or articles which, in his opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause of death, and deliver them to the State's Attorney.

6. If the cause of such death shall be established beyond a reasonable doubt, such Medical Examiner shall so report and file in his office within thirty days after his notification of such death. If, however, in the opinion of such Medical Examiner, an autopsy is necessary, the same shall be performed by the Chief Medical Examiner, an Assistant Medical Examiner or by such competent pathologists as may be authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner. A detailed description of the findings written during the progress of such autopsy, and the conclusions drawn therefrom, shall thereupon be filed in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner, or in the office of the Deputy Medical Examiner in the county where the death occurred. A copy of the findings and conclusions as to the autopsies performed in the several counties shall also be filed in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Provided, however, it shall be the duty of any Deputy Medical Examiner to call upon the Chief Medical Examiner or an Assistant Medical Examiner, or other persons authorized and designated by the Chief Medical Examiner, to make an examination or perform an autopsy, whenever he deems it necessary or desirable, and it shall be the duty of said Chief Medical Examiner or Assistant Medical Examiner to go to the County for that purpose, except in such cases as a competent pathologist is so authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner to perform such autopsy. In every case