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Return To:
First American Title/LFC
Recording Division
2605 Enterprise Rd Ste 200
Clearwater, FL 33759-9943
File # 61-8076273-2 3/3

After Recording Return to:

Prepared By:
Shelly Fisher
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Mail Tax Statements to:
Richard I. Newland
1842 N. Lafayette Street
Griffith, IN 46319

(GRANTEES ADDRESS)

61-8076273

AFFIDAVIT OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

RICHARD I. NEWLAND, of legal age, as sole surviving spouse, "Affiant", who is being first duly sworn upon his oath, depose and says:

- I am an adult residing at 1842 North Lafayette Street, Griffith, Indiana 46319.
- Myself and my deceased wife, Patricia B. Newland, were husband and wife at the time we acquired title, to the following described real estate in Lake County, Indiana, as shown by records in the office of the Recorder of Lake County, Indiana, to wit:

LOT FIVE (5), BLOCK ONE (1), BELLAMY & GAGE'S NORTH RIDGE ESTATES 2ND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH AS MARKED AND LAID DOWN ON THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 35.

The legal description was obtained from a previously recorded instrument.

- The marital relationship which existing between us continued unbroken from the time we so acquired title to said real estate until the death of my wife on the 17th day of August, 2006, at which time your affiant acquired title to said real estate in fee simple absolute.
- My wife, Patricia B. Newland, departed this life testate. There was no formal administration of his estate. And that my wife passed away:

Leaving no Last Will & Testament
 Leaving a Last Will & Testament a copy of which is attached hereto.
 Leaving a Last Will & Testament which was filed of record in the _____
 Superior Court of Lake County, Indiana, on or about Aug, 2006, under Case No. _____

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5. All of the estate of the decedent, both real estate and personal property, (tangible and intangible) passed by operation of law to RICHARD I. NEWLAND, as the surviving spouse, by reason of the fact that all of the assets were held as joint tenants with the right of survivorship or tenants by the entireties.
6. By reason of such fact, all of the estate of the decedent passed by operation of law to RICHARD I. NEWLAND, as the surviving spouse. The affiant was not required to file an Indiana Inheritance Tax Return, being exempt under the provisions of I.C. 6-4.1-3-7.
7. No federal estate tax was due and owing by reason of the death of Patricia B. Newland nor was it necessary under the provisions of the internal Revenue Code to file federal estate information tax return.
8. I, RICHARD I. NEWLAND, Affiant, makes this *Affidavit* for the express purpose of clarifying the title to the real estate hereinabove described and for the purpose of including the Lake County Auditor to show a transfer in the tax rolls in Lake County with reference to said real estate, from the joint names of myself and my late wife, Patricia B. Newland, to that of my individual name, Richard I. Newland.

Dated this 17 day of March, 2008.

Richard I. Newland
 RICHARD I. NEWLAND

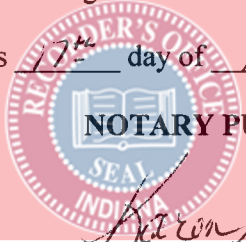
I affirm, under the penalties for perjury,
 that I have taken reasonable care to
 redact each Social Security number in
 this document, unless required by law.

STATE OF INDIANA }
 } ss
 COUNTY OF LAKE }

Shelly Fisher
 Shelly Fisher

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared RICHARD I. NEWLAND, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Affidavit.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of MARCH, 2008.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Karen L. Houchin
 [signature]

KAREN L. HOUCHIN
 NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF INDIANA
 LAKE COUNTY
 MY COMMISSION EXP. NOV. 14, 2009