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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION**

**Vindicating Jimmy, Inc.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
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***VINDICATING JIMMY, INC***

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Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, We the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a Corporation Not For Profit, and do hereby adopt as and for the Corporation charter of said Corporation, the following articles of incorporation:

**ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be:

VINDICATING JIMMY, INC.

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1020 S. Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

1. This Corporation is organized for the purpose of collecting fund and disbursing funds for the sole purpose of vindicating Jimmy Ates of the murder charge for which he presently is wrongly imprisoned.
2. The Corporation will maintain an accounting of all funds so that any donations made to this purpose can be traced and confirmed that they have been or will be used for the purpose of working toward the vindication, pardon, or legal release of Jimmy Ates. Any excess funds will be distributed to a charitable organization.

**ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The business and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees. Said Trustees shall have the authority and power to increase or decrease the number of serving Trustees, but never less than two. The Board of Trustees shall serve without compensation and any reimbursible expenses must be approved by ALL Trustees. The Board of Trustees may fill any

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vacancy which may occur on the Board of Trustees prior to the next annual meeting of either the members or the Board of Trustees or the first annual meeting of this corporation as herein provided for and until their successors are elected and qualified:

1. The Current Board of Trustees are the following individuals and said Director's shall serve and be re-elected as provided herein and in the By-Laws.
  - A. Travis Huiskens
  - B. Sheena Faircloth
  - C. Mark Welton
  - D. Luther Ates

#### **ARTICLE V - REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and the street address of the registered agent is:

Welton & Williamson, LLC  
1020 S. Ferdon Boulevard  
Crestview, FL 32536

#### **ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The duration of this corporation shall be not less than one year but not longer than the life of Jimmy Ates or his legal release from State Custody.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - CORPORATE POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes and the following additional powers:

1. To borrow money, and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills or exchange, and other obligations of the corporation for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligation by mortgage, pledge, deed or trust, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust or by other privilege upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.

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2. To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property as may be provided by resolution of the Trustees subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant, or gift.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - BASIS UNDER WHICH CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED**

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

The corporation is a not for profit corporation as defined by the Not For Profit Corporation Act in Section 617.01011 of the Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and no part of its net earnings is distributable to, its members, Trustees, officers, or other private persons except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

#### **ARTICLE IX - DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes with the meaningful section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE X - DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable reimbursement of actual expenses incurred and compensation for services rendered in a capacity other than as Trustee, which ends and objectives are consistent with the purposes of this corporation, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

#### **ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporator of the corporation are as follows:

Travis Huiskens, 1020 S. Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, FL 32536


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**ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

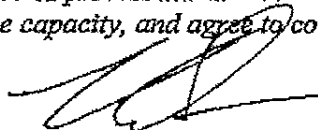
These Articles of Incorporation may only be amended upon agreement of the Board of Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation on this the 17th day of August, 2006.

  
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**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above corporation at the above listed address, I hereby consent to act in the capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of the law relative to the registered agent.

  
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Registered Agent

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