

While families all over the world this upcoming Sunday celebrate "Father's Day", *one father ~ Lionel Bouchard ~ of Elie, has been threatened by his very own family, that if he comes back to Manitoba, he will be charged with "child abuse"!!!*

Interestingly enough, this loving, caring father of nine, age 84, has never been accused of any wrongdoing by his own children until such time as he was forced to recently hire an attorney to reinstate his legal rights to a "Life Estate Agreement" allowing him to return to his home of over 50 years! His son Andre Bouchard has refused, this despite a legal request to turn over the family homestead by April 6, 2008. In so doing, his father has sought remedy by way of a court order for "Writ of Possession" - as per his own children's signatures on numerous agreements.

In an attempt to avoid further harassment, not to mention emotional, psychological and financial abuse, Lionel Bouchard, and in order to get some peace, felt compelled to "away" for his own safety and well-being as a result of the stress caused by his children. Instead over the past four months, the harassment, intimidation, manipulation and psychological abuse intensified and followed him out to B.C. He has not been afforded any rest and peace as a result of this relentless interference and demands to control and manipulate his life, not to mention the attempt to sabotage his relationship with friends and family here in B.C., this at a time when he should be enjoying retirement!

On his 84th birthday on January 22, two of children coerced him into signing a statement full of inaccurate accounting with respect to the property for the past 18 years. Lionel was forced to accept a paltry check which he turned over to his attorney, for "payment in full" of an "unregistered mortgage" he had been holding in favour of his son Andy Bouchard - a commission farm equipment salesman proficient in contracts. (not to mention zero interest for the past 5 years). This father was told by his son and daughter Lynda Staub to cooperate and accept this small \$2,000 token - this or they would have nothing further to do with him!!!

In addition, at the close of this meeting, this elderly, vulnerable father was asked to turn over his will for "safekeeping".

This senior abuse has been ongoing in your very own community for the past two and a half years since Mr. Bouchard's slip and fall on ice and brief hospitalization as a result of the concussion he suffered while attending the funeral of a friend after his son's attempt to commit him failed!

Instead of rallying behind their injured father, several of his children ganged up like vultures to clean out his home of the majority of his worldly possessions and "put him out on the street" for their own selfish motives, forcing him to pay rent on his meagre pension!!!

While in B.C., daughter Claire Demery closed down a Line of Credit by using a photocopy of a stolen revoked power of attorney, which the Credit Union accepted without question!

This is the respect the Bouchard family has shown their father? Sad, but true!!!

This Father's Day, if these children **truly searched their hearts** and saw fit to love and honour father, reinstate him to his rightful home immediately and allow him to live the rest of his life in peace and quiet - a right due any father, grand-father and great-grandfather.....