

Fax Cover Sheet

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1. By way of introduction, I met your very good friend and neighbour Mr. Michael Slegers at the Elie Esso last Saturday night. He advised me that you might be in a position to assist in a very "urgent family matter" concerning my Dad's rights to live on his own property in Elie, whereby approximately five years ago he sold the last piece of land to my brother Andre Bouchard, but retained the rights to live out the rest of his days on the farm - however, my brother never put anything in writing! This farm has earned the Centennial Award for being in the same family 100 years.
2. As a result of a concussion from a fall on ice at a funeral at the St. Eustache Church on December 16, Dad was hospitalized, released, and re-admitted, and discharged in my care on January 27, 2006, when I came out from B.C. to ensure that Dad went home.
3. My brother Andy was **furious** that Dad made it home against **HIS** wishes, and had the family come against me. My concern initially, in early January came by way of a call from Andy to me here in B.C., (he has never called in all the years I have been in B.C. since 1972) he stated that Dad was "cornflakes" and would probably be spending the rest of his days "staring out a window" and to get "used" to the idea! When I went to visit Dad immediately after that comment, Andy told me that under no uncertain terms "Dad would NOT be going home, REPEAT NOT going home!" Then he later decided, without anyone's input, that Dad would be going Feb. 1 to the St. Eustache Manor against Dad's will.
4. My Dad's wishes were and are to stay at home for the rest of his days. Andre had manipulated Dad in thinking that the Manor would have been best and had all my sisters against me. Now they all recognize that was not the best choice. Dad remains adamant he wants to stay home.
5. Upon learning that Dad had revoked his power of attorney, Andy stole both my blackberry phone and Dad's cell phone after walking into the house, again using his key without knocking. He also stole my binder with legal documentation in it including a new power of attorney made out in the name of my sister.

6. My concern is that Andy could at any time sell the property, evict Dad, or even try to commit him down the road. I do not put this past him as in his teens he allegedly my younger sister Doreen Bouchard who lives in Winnipeg, 204-989-2413, she has since caused problems in the family and confronted Andy and Andy's wife Angie supposedly got rid of Doreen. In January, Andy tricked Dad into signing a "Power of Attorney" at the Grace Hospital without Dad's consent or knowledge. This power of attorney was then given to Wilder, and Wilder, David Bradley, 947-1456, which Dad revoked on January 27 after being discharged from hospital to ensure Andy did not override Dad and place him in the St. Eustache Manor. He may be my brother, but I don't put past him, I see him suffocating Dad with a pillow in his sleep as he has a key and accesses his home at whim, so I would not put this past him so he could end this once and for all and by getting rid of his own father!!!
7. My sister Lynda Staub 633-4345 stated that the agreement between Dad and Andy was "only verbal" with respect to staying on the property when I questioned her at the hospital, meaning Andy did not have to honor the agreement.....
8. My Dad is understandably confused with all that is going on. Dad also had charged Andy on Jan. 29/2006 for theft of his VISA card & cellular phone which left us without any means of communication at the farmhouse. Andy and Lynda managed to convince the R.C.M.P in Headingley that I wanted to drop the charges when I had not agree to it. When charged, my brother Andy told Sergeant Gibbs 888-0358 that he owned the property, provided copy of title, and based on that I was asked to leave the premises and could no longer take care of my father who had been released in my care for home support from the Grace Hospital. At that time, a "No Contact" order had been put in effect against Andy in favor of my Dad and myself so that was Andy's way of retaliation.
9. I met on Monday, the 28th, at 4:30 p.m. with my Dad and two sisters on the farm (once written permission was given to go on the premises) in order to negotiate in good faith an agreement in exchange for dropping the charges as they have incessantly been calling me all day to go out and come to an agreement on the farm. I then saw how inadequate the agreement was because after we agreed to certain points, my sister told me I was not allowed to stay the night with my father. It was at this point that I knew all parties had no intention of abiding by the agreement and felt Dad's rights were not protected though my Dad now believes that this piece of paper will ensure he stays on the farm the rest of his days. I pointed out that nothing would stop Andy from selling the property and evicting Dad (if he hasn't already accepted an offer as he was adamant Dad was not returning home) and of particular concern is that on February 14, his roommate Garth who works at the at the Isoboard/Dow Chemical Plant in Elie will be out of work and leaving, so perfect opportunity for Andy to make a move on Dad.

10. Based on my conversation with Michael Slegers, I came back to Winnipeg last week to ensure that the charges of theft were reinstated. However, the formal no contact was not included but at my insistence, the R.C.M.P. have since been told verbally to Andy that he is to not have contact with me. It appears that Andy dragged Dad down at 8:00 a.m. on January 31 to the Headingley Detachment to have him drop his charges.
11. In calling my Dad this morning - Friday, my Dad would not talk to me and hung up on me. So I know that Andy has been filling Dad's head with lies and has made it that Dad now fears me - the person who flew out from B.C. three times to ensure he made it back home. Now Andy has had my sisters e-mail and phone me constantly, yet he is the one who caused the problem in the first place, not man enough to deal with things himself and manipulates others to his end. Also, I will have to leave it up to your expertise how to approach this very delicate situation as Dad can be easily convinced not to act in his own best interests based on Andy's self-serving lies and deception. I caught Andy in so many lies that he has become very cold and calculating over the years, and taken advantage of many people, and hurt them in the process - that is my concern today. It appears he is used to getting his own way all the time and stops at nothing, so I know in my spirit that Andy has formed a "three-tiered garrison" around Dad so that Dad can not communicate to others and in so doing would find out the "truth" of that his very own son is plotting his demise, starting emotionally and I see imminent "death" for Dad as Andy strips him of his independence and will. Andy took Dad's van to get it serviced in Portage La Prairie and promised to return it last Tuesday. I see he has not returned it nor does he want Dad to be independent. Upon leaving the hospital, Dad had me take him to a bank that he says he has a secret stash and wants know one to know about, at a Bank of Montreal and took out traveller's cheques. Andy at the Headingley RCMP detachment when we sat down trying to negotiate terms which he would not agree to, stating that the words were too "big" (him a commission salesman for all these years?) and that he wanted his lawyer to review before signing, I saw this as stall tactics, wanted to know about Dad's account and I refused to give him information & because we started a personal injury claim at Wilder & Wilder as we were not sure at that point whether he would need 24/7 care, he is now making accusations that I am "after Dad's money", this is what I have heard from the officer. Meanwhile if this tragedy of Dad's can be turned into a blessing, then so be it so he can enjoy his last days with a bit more comfort as he lives on a pension income of \$13,000 per year and which Andy wants him to start paying rent of 25% at this stage of life when he is 82!...your own father?
12. Michael Slegers knows Andy very well and mentioned that he would discuss this case with you. He was also under the impression that there would be a way to have Andy Bouchard commit to a signed agreement, to be registered at Land Titles. Maybe Michael would agree to introduce you to Dad as Michael has credibility with Dad and is not family, and that may be the way to approach my father.

13. I feel that my father is in a very fragile state of mind, wants no more police at his door, and feels he is protected with that unenforceable piece of paper that was signed on Monday. Further, he needs to be emotionally, and physically protected against his son Andy. I would also like to see a form of no contact, locks changed so that can have peace of mind going forward and I feel this is very, very dangerous situation the way it now stands as Andy is now enraged and will stop at nothing to have his way. For whatever selfish motives, he has a plan that EXCLUDES his father and may include having an offer on the property because he was to eager to "help" Dad on New Year's day to clean out Dad's place,. I sense he had an ulterior motive, with a view of selling or renting out the property to satisfy his greed. Andy is already a millionaire, possibly several times over, owns four combines, uses Dad at \$12 an hour when no one else wants to combine on weekends, and charges \$120 plus expenses per hour and bragged about making \$4,000 from one farmer and no bonus to Dad.
- 14 Andy Bouchard is slated to go on a month's holiday, I believe February 27. He is scheduled to appear in court March 24 on charges of theft against me.
- 15 My Dad's cellular # is 204-781-6387. His address is Box 80, Elie, Manitoba. ROH OHO In calling him this morning, after recognizing my voice, I detected fear in his voice and simply hung up on me. I know Dad was instructed not to take any of my calls, and Andy is filling his head with untruths turning the situation around and making me the bad guy when I had plans for him that included having Andy bring the place back up to standards for Dad's comfort.
15. In the meantime, Andy's favorite line is that Dad is "confused" so I know where he is going with that comment, and what plans he still intends to carry out if not stopped. Also I really fear for my father's life, as Andy simply walks in with his key and could permanently harm Dad. I had purchased two new sets of locks for the front and back door for Dad but never got the opportunity to install them and until this gets settled, would not legally be able to do it. Andy could simply come in and also mix Dad's medication or do anything else as he has always had a very evil streak since a young boy and that has carried on in his adult life as witnessed by recent events.
16. Dad had just started to tell me he did not trust Andy, never put anything in writing, and when younger, used to be really mean and lock up Doreen in closets and other horrifying deeds. I had intended to get more information that I sensed had been going on since I left home at 18 after graduating, and was not privy to witnessing these acts as I was around at the time.
17. I would appreciate your assistance and feel that Andy should also be made to pay for this agreement, as he deals in contracts daily in his job selling combines and farm equipment, and deliberately sought to take advantage of my father and should now be made accountable for his actions. He should also be made to **maintain the premises** and **pay for Dad's future rent** should Dad ever decide on his own to leave the farm as this option was factored in the

sale price of the property from Dad to Andy - though never properly documented which brings us to today's serious issues and unfortunately have had to include taking legal action in the courts and causing much dissention within the family and stressing Dad out immensely so that he can not enjoy his time recuperating at home but rather has to be guarded with all that is going on with respect to his welfare. I sense he is afraid to leave his home as he cannot "trust" anyone that he may never return again to his home of over 50 years! I feel that at any time, Andy could have Dad sign another form (based on lies) to have him removed and placed elsewhere again, as that is what my sister Lynda and Andy had done to Dad in the hospital in January and I have asked that before any moves occur, possibly if Dad's health really deteriorated that my consent would be required so that I could ensure that was best for Dad.

19. On Thursday before I flew to Winnipeg, Dad was at the hospital and told me he had "rights" and was going home! Andy was there and took the phone from Dad and told me everything was fine until I "interfered". In seeing my Dad at the hospital the next morning, Dad told me that now he would be going to St. Eustache. He told me Andy said that was where he had to go and that he could come back in the spring.....(likely story!) so he may be conned into signing another request for a room there if Andy gets his way.

18. Respectfully submitted,

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My apologies for the lengthy back up documents, but felt you might get a sense of what has transpired over the past weeks, e-mails being initiated "behind the scenes" by my brother Andre Bouchard and that you would sense the urgency of this matter as it now stands.