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My name is Susie Waldner. [REDACTED] I have known Lionel Bouchard for many years having grown up in St. Eustache, a small town neighboring Elie.

I was present the day Andy Bouchard offered to buy the family homestead from his father, Lionel Bouchard. The agreement included the provision that his father remain in his home for the rest of his life, paper work Lionel shared with me and destroyed when Andy Bouchard, Lynda Staub, Angie Bouchard and Claire Demery cleaned out his house against Lionel's wishes while he was in the hospital in January 2006.

After witnessing Andy, Lynda and Claire's behavior towards their father over the years, it is my firm position that Lionel needs a protection order at the very least. Furthermore, he needs a provision in this protection order so that the order not be varied or contested.

I have witnessed Andy screaming at his father Lionel on numerous occasions at the farm. Over the years, Andy has refused to pay what was rightfully due his father, in essence robbing his father of a carefree retirement. Lionel now has to pay rent in addition to loosing the income from a room he rents out.

At the Holiday Inn, I saw Lynda and Claire pushing their clearly distraught father into Lynda's car against his will. at a family gathering.

When at the St. Eustache Manor, his three children, Andy, Lynda and Claire took turns isolating and restricting access to Lionel in person or by telephone.

Then in August 2008, I learned that Mike and Lionel had gone to the farm to get some of Lionel's personal items as arranged by their respective lawyers. Upon arriving at the farm, Lionel told me Andy had a psychiatrist in his truck with him - the same one Andy had taken his father to several times prior. This upset Lionel as obviously Andy had no intention of negotiating his returning home, rather Andy was still on his quest of two years prior to commit his father.

The reason Andy, Lynda and Claire are doing this to their father is because they want to take his legal, moral rights and freedom away, make him a ward of the court and in the process do away with their father, example Andy telling Marlene while Lionel was in the hospital recovering from a fall, that Lionel was never going home.

At the Grace Hospital, Andy told Marlene and myself that he had been looking to place his father in a mental institute in Portage La Prairie. This was early in the recovery stage of the concussion.

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The third week in August 2008, Lionel came over with Mike Slegers. Lionel was acting totally out of character. He was terrified Mike would hear us talking, so he requested we sit in Mike's truck while Johnny Lafreniere, who I do home care for at his home in St. Francois, went out to the gazebo in the back with Mike. Lionel was very nervous in the house, not wanting to answer any questions. I felt that something had happened at Mike's and learned that Andy who now was over often, had provided Mike with a cellular to keep in contact, yet they had taken away Lionel's cellular and hidden it. Prior to this Lionel had not had contact for seven months when Lionel left wanting to get away from the pressure of his children went to live with Marlene in B.C. who then assisted and paid for her father to obtain legal representation.

I learned that the new 2007 Caravan Marlene had provided for her father's exclusive use, had been locked up in Mike's shed and a fifth wheel placed in front of the locked doors, on the pretext that trees might fall on the vehicle. Mike insisted that Lionel place the keys to his older Dodge van in the kitchen drawer in the event Mike needed to move the van in order to cut his grass. None of this made any sense to me. Knowing Lionel as well as I did, I knew he was being threatened and he feared for his life if he spoke out. Threats obviously had been made against Lionel to comply and to pressure him to give up his rights to his home. I saw Lionel as Mike's captive and believe that Mike was following Andy's instructions to ensure Lionel was never left out of his sight as it was obvious Lionel was not free to come and go or call anyone as he pleased. Mike informed me that Claire had stated that Andy would be paying Mike for returning their father to them and the figure of \$5,000 was mentioned. The RCMP had to be called in to assist the two private investigators hired by Lionel's lawyer to retrieve Lionel's 2007 Caravan which had been locked up on Andy's direction.

Later that night, I received a call asking to drop off the contents of the van, and then the driver reconsidered. It is then that both Johnny and I watched all night until 3:30 a.m. or later as Andy Bouchard and Mike Slegers hid in the bushes across the street obviously waiting for the van to pull up. Johnny and I later reported the incident to the Headingley RCMP as it was obvious that Andy and Mike had been waiting to ambush the van and we were concerned if they had any weapons with them as they lay in wait for the van to arrive.

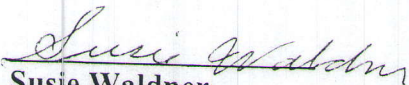
Lionel's belongings had been thrown haphazardly; jam packed into the van as Andy was furious he had been made to turn over the van ruining a lot of his possessions in the process.

Lionel who had offered to drive Johnny and I to Winnipeg as neither of us drive, was now restricted in his driving by Mike and Andy.

Based on their past actions, I believe that Lionel's three children, and now Mike Slegers will never, going forward, ever let their father live in peace. Rather it is my belief they will continue to harass Lionel until he gives in and signs away his rights to his home and what is still due him or is pushed prematurely in the grave with stress, etc.

I understand the reason the original protection order was set aside was due to the fact that Lionel was unable to attend court for medical reasons.

Lionel is in grave danger without a protection order and I am voicing my very real concerns to the court and will hold the justice system responsible should anything happen to Lionel at the hands of his children, as the Court has been warned of what has transpired over the years and it has a duty to protect individuals – especially vulnerable seniors such as Lionel Bouchard.


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