

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 14:56:37 Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: Fw: Health and Stress caused by A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and A [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:56:28 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: John E. Knudsen
To: Brandon Whiting

This is a letter that I sent to my younger brother, Michael and close friend, Peggy Vitale....

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From: John E. Knudsen [REDACTED]
To: Margaret (Peggy) Vitale [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 at 06:39:20 PM EST
Subject: Fw: Health and Stress caused by [REDACTED]

Peggy,

I am copying this email that I sent to my brother to you. I fear the stress is taking it's toll and if an thing should happen to me I want Michael and my brothers to fully hold [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] responsible. They should be ashamed but they don't have that ability. They are narcissistic by nature and cruel by choice. Money is their God and the care of their son does not exist. Do not be fooled.

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From: John E. Knudsen [REDACTED]
To: Mike Knudsen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019, 06:34:27 PM EST
Subject: Health and Stress caused by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Michael-

I am writing this and asking that you hold onto it.

This past year is taking it's toll. Just prior to Christmas 2018 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] tried to bully me over the Christmas plans that [REDACTED] and I had already made to show up early and help Mom and Dad out for the crowd that would be coming later in the day. It would prove to be our last Christmas with Dad and what followed on Christmas day will forever be etched in my memory. Over a week later [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would file a police report with false allegations and lies and claimed that [REDACTED] was in danger by living with me. Now a week shy of that year and [REDACTED] still resides with me. I guess their claim of danger was non existent otherwise he would have been taken away immediately.

In March of 2019 I stopped receiving payment for m services that I give for [REDACTED] and previously in 2018 a raise that I received from [REDACTED] going from \$3300/month to \$4100/month was reduced to the \$3300 but again all payments stopped in March.

With the funding that I received from the state that equated to .98 per hour for [REDACTED]'s care and respite needs was not enough to sustain the household and was forced to take early withdrawals from my retirement income being forced to be hit with early withdrawal penalties.

To complicate things further I was forced to hire an attorney as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in working with the Department of Developmental Services set out to gut me like a fish. The [REDACTED] claimed I was committing fraud by accepting payment from both DDS as well as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] were acutely aware that after my forced retirement from the phone company and in order to keep [REDACTED] in his home it was necessary to enter into the Community Care Home program within DDS to sustain that ability. With the stipend that I received from the state and that of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was I able to provide the home for [REDACTED] without him being institutionalized. I explained to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that when I was working for the phone company I used all available Family Leave time afforded to me along with all of my vacation time to take [REDACTED] to various doctors or to care for him when he was ill or experiencing high anxiety. I did this knowing and advising [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that my Social Security was going to be greatly reduced as well as any further savings into my retirement plan. So when they say that they had no knowledge that I was receiving a stipend from DDS not only are they wrong but they are lying.

I have not made any money from the care of [REDACTED]. Actually it has cost me thousands and thousands of dollars that I have personally put out of my own funds. I have had to put up for nearly 20 years the narcissistic behavior by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I believe now that [REDACTED] used a false pretense in always saying that we are "The A-Team" to garner my trust and continuing the care that I have bestowed on [REDACTED] so that as long as I did the required paperwork, attended the mandatory DDS meetings, fought for his medical benefits along with his job placement at SARAH that I had nothing to worry about. For them to willingly stop payment was cruel and violated the trust I had in them.

Based on the promise by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] would always live with me and often saying that he would never leave over her dead body did I feel some safety in knowing that I would have a continuous income. In the last hearing held at the probate court in October did she join [REDACTED] in voicing that [REDACTED] should be institutionalized. A group home is an institution. Just because the adjective "home" is used in its title does not make it so. [REDACTED]'s decision as I told her was a punch in the gut.

I am now, with thanks due to Ms. Kathy Calo and Ms. Jill Keppler from DDS along with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] facing charges of Elder Abuse, Fraud and Medical Neglect. There was no choice to retain an attorney. Not only for the charges that they are falsely accusing me of but to give [REDACTED] a home that he deserves. I fear for the care and treatment [REDACTED] will receive in an institutionalized setting.

As I said the year is taking its toll and I am worried about my health both mental and physical. Even with medication I cannot sleep at night often waking up in tears and fear of where I will live should my savings run out. My anxiety is at an all time high and I am seeing a therapist once a week along with an APRN about once a month to help

me cope with the situation at hand. There are days when I just don't want to get up and face what new charges they ma brin but all in the meantime I am taking care of their son with no animosity toward [REDACTED]. He continues to go out with his friends and lives the same life he has always enjoyed despite the lack of funding from his parents.

Even with the passing of Dad I have not been able to grieve his loss and worry about the health of our mom but this is all com ounded by the false allegations and charges that they have brought on. I worry about [REDACTED] should anything happen to me and I hope that if something does happen to me that you will ursue them. A ain the stress that they have put on me cannot be put into words. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been out to destroy my life and place their son in an institution all to save money. They are misguiding people in tellin them that it is for health reasons. Neither parent or step-parent has been active in [REDACTED]'s health or has any knowled e of his medical conditions, doctors, appointment and the like. In fact when [REDACTED] was hospitalized recently neither party came to visit him in person.

I don't know how much longer I can endure the pain and stress that they are going out of their way to inflict.