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RE; Urgent Request for Case Resolution and Access to Department of Protection for Adult Services File

Dear Mrs. Cordell,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Valerie Gagnon. I am a Canadian whose mother reside at 511 Princess Street, Alexandria, Va. I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in resolving critical legal matters that have caused significant hardship for my family.

### **1. Unresolved Warrant and Case Closure**

In 2021, I was thrown into a case involving my late father, Dr. Pierre Paul Gagnon, who passed away in December 2023, I was falsely accused of assaulting my father by two individuals who had a close relationship with my father's legal team. This accusation led to restraining orders, Probation which I violated, a Misdemeanor and ultimately a Warrant for my arrest in Alexandria, Virginia. I fled to Canada terrified. I currently reside in Quebec.

Last year, I hired an attorney to assist with this situation. However, I was informed by the City Attorney's Office that my case was not considered a priority at the time. While I understand the demands on your office, I am now in a critical situation.

My mother, Gaetane Gagnon, is 90 years old, a cardiac patient, and lives alone in Alexandria, Virginia. Due to the unresolved warrant, I am unable to travel to the United States to care for her during this vulnerable time and to settle legal matters regarding my future estate. This has placed an immense emotional and practical burden on both of us.

Given that my father has since passed away and the circumstances surrounding the case have changed, I respectfully request that the City Attorney's Office revisit this matter and take the necessary steps to resolve the warrant and close the case. I am happy to provide any documentation, including proof of my father's passing, to assist in this process.

## **2. Access to Department of Protection for Adult Services's File And Abuse of Power Perpetrated by Judge Cullens**

Before traveling from Portugal to Alexandria in 2021, to care for my mother, I opened a case for Gaetane Gagnon, DOB 07/02/1935 with The Alexandria City Department / Protection of Adult Services. The case was handled by Darleen Canaday, # W023408-050124. This file contains critical evidence that would have exonerated me and clarify the true nature of the situation. I obviously suspected that my father was intervening in my mother's care by withdrawing her medications. He had become a paranoiac, an anti- drugs/ anti-Big Pharma nut case. In other words, He had devolved into a "quack doctor". I hoped the City of Alaxandria would assigned my mother a guardian for her protection.. But the City did not act upon my concerns. I was left with no other option but to deal with the matter in person.

Albeit the fact that I feared my father's aberrant, heratic and hateful behavior towards me due to his anti-social personality disorder aggravated by dementia, I did what any any dutiful daughter would have done; To help her dying mother in her final days.

I requested an FOIA on this file, twice. However, I have been repeatedly denied access to it by David Lord, who claimed either that it was part of an ongoing investigation or that I do not have the right to access it.

This denial has prevented me from using this crucial evidence to defend myself and has left me unfairly accused of wanting to harm my parents by Judge Cullens, the presiding judge in my case. To make matter worse, Sir Cullens denied me a trial by threatening to jail me till I be given a trial date. I was sturnly told that if I spoke, everything I would say could be held against me. I was intimidated. I was coerced into admitting guilt in exchange of me leaving the United States when shown a valid air plane ticket. John Bourdon, my lawyer then can testify to this.

Please note that my only crime was to have naively responded to a vile ambush-text sent by my father and thus violated a restraining order. To my dismay, when I produced the ticket to Montreal, Sir Cullens refused to let me leave stating that I would eventually try to harm my parents in Quebec as they own a cottage there. He instead demanded I do Probation in Alexandria and stay at the Hyatt in Fairfax; A hotel which I couldn't afford, and this for the entire duration of the probation, less I'd be jailed for a year. I almost passed out in his court. I was sadistically denied due process, humiliated and terrorized by this heartless judge. In fear for my safety, I ran away in great sorrow from Virginia back to Canada, convinced that I would never see my mother again.

### **3. Palliative Care at Vitas**

Back to 2021; Upon arriving in Alexandria from Lisbon, I immediately registered my mother in palliative care at Vitas. Their geriatrician quickly realized that she was not under any medications. Thanks to Vitas, she is alive and well today. But my mother then, had been given six months to live by her cardiologist.

I can provide my mother's file with VITAS PALLIATIF CARE, NORTHERN VIRGINIA upon request. It further demonstrates my commitment to ensuring my mother received the care she desperately needed. It also highlights the severity of the situation and the urgency of resolving this matter.

### **4. Threats and Manipulation by My Late Father's Legal Team**

Before I traveled to Alexandria, my father's legal team, including Foster Freidman of the law firm GRIMES FREIDMAN, MEINKEN & LEISCHNER, PLLC, contacted me via a phone call to threaten and warn me that I would be arrested and a restraining orders would be placed against me if I dared come to Alexandria. Under what law? And for what crime? I was appalled. Since, I didn't believed an honest judge would ever grant my father a restraining order, I left for my mother, anyway. Yet this is exactly what happened. It certainly appears to have been a coordinated effort to keep me away from the USA. All in all, my entire stay in Alexandria, from late January to early May 2021 barely lasted 40 days. During which Dr. Leaf managed to have me arrested twice on false charges, each time resulting in a traumatizing stay in jail. Dr. Leaf who is 30 years younger than my late father, would either call him or text my dad at least half a dozen times a day. ....Why?

Additionally, further down the road, the same law firm harassed my mother in 2024, into signing a new Trust in which Mr. Foster Freidman is designated as the sole executor, this without granting me, Valerie Gagnon, my mother's only heir, any legal nor administrative rights. I might add that my mother's assets is of considerable wealth. Mr. F. Freidman went so far as to have her sign an Irrevocable Power Of Attorney and have Dr. Scott Leaf act as her legal guardian in case of ineptitude. It is evident that Dr. Leaf still intends on profiteering from this contract. My mother, who is elderly and in poor health and who barely speaks proper English, has no understanding of what she signed. She would never want to do me harm. We are still in contact everyday and she spends the summer here with me, in Quebec and we travel for Christmas abroad.

I tried to explained her how untrustworthy Mr, F. Freidman is, to no avail. He is in charge of my late father's Trust. She was brainwashed into believing that he had her genuine interests at heart. Yet, we were never provided any transparency as required by law. To this date, we do not know how my late father's Trust is managed. More revealing, Mr. F. Freidman refuses to have any contact with me. He ever provided me with my late father's Wiill, nor to our lawyer Olivier Morin. Meanwhile, the funds are dwindeling. Eventually, I had my mother's new Will & Trust documents analyzed by PJ Law Firm, Fairfax, a well-known firm specializing in inheritance and trust management, and they confirmed that this was an eggregious form of legal manipulation and undue influence. A type of contractual agreement, they rarely come across and should be made, according to them, illegal.

## **5. Context Regarding the Set Up**

One of the individual, Dr Scott Leaf, who falsely accused me of assaulting my late father untertain a close relationship with my father's legal team and a vested interest in protecting his own reputation and improving his financial status as Dr. Leaf had recently suffered a crushing bankruptcy. This context explains why he may have lied about witnessing me assault my father and why he collaborated with my father's lawyers to harm me. I have a voicemail from Dr. Leaf from April 2021 to my father expressing his interest in "taking care of Valerie....financially". He went so far as to threaten via text, my good friend, Andrea Leheup (who was then trying her best to help me in this debacle), by flagging her to the Alex.police as a drug dealer. Needless to say Andrea, a heart of gold and a successful executive, CEO of her own design firm, SOLEIL DESIGN Inc. NY, NY has never been involved in any criminal activities.

I believe that Dr. Leaf was manipulating even perhaps blackmailing, my father. I also suspect that my father was laundering money for Dr. Leaf. My late father was an easy target as his mind was deviant and had become very deranged to say the least!. Despite all of this maniacal nonsense, I am not without resources and have an important witness in Donny Nelson who was a staff at the residence Donny Nelson is a native Virginian and he was present the day that I was set up Thanks to a tight knit community of friends and relatives, I refused to loose faith.

#### **6. Pattern of Legal Manipulation Since 2015; Assault on a Police Officer and Dr. Pierre Paul Gagnon's Deteriorating Mental Health Issues.**

Since 2015, my father repeatedly used the legal system against me including calling the police repeatedly to have me arrested on false charges whether I be in Virginia, Spain, Portugal or Quebec for that matter.. I must have been put in handcuffs over 10 times. One such incident resulted in my arrest and a six-month jail sentence for "assaulting" a police officer. This charge stemmed from resisting arrest, with no underlying crime. I demanded a trial and was granted one.

During the previous year of this arrest, circa 2014, my mother underwent a life saving, open heart surgery at INNOVA, Fairfax. My father, who was an MD, had refused that she be operated on but I had insisted. After the operation, he was relentlessly advocating against her taking any of her medical prescriptions. My father and I were fighting daily sometimes screaming at each other loudly. After all, his own late brother, Dr Frazer Gagnon, had been a cardiologist trained at the prestigious Boston Hospital, in the 1950's. I believe, that my father was already suffering from dementia. Furthermore, my father, an avid user of deviant pornography was using steroid intravenously and via ointment applications. I am certain that this powerful hormone/ drug contributed to him rapidly "loosing his mind".

The trial transcript reveals that my father manipulated law enforcement with an other co-conspirator named Robert Rowe by claiming he feared for his life, which led to my arrest. Robert Rowe who was then the President of The Bullfinch Square Association on Princess Street, in turn was advising my father on how to disinherit me of the residence at 511 Princess Street. In exchange for what? I do not know....but intent on finding out.

Let me be clear, in all of my life, I have interacted with Mr. Robert Rowe but a few times. I never paid attention to this unwelcoming man. My criminal lawyer, Jack Rhoades was baffled by the inexplicable discovery. Robert Rowe, again a much younger man, went on defaming me to whom ever wanted to hear his story. He stayed in touch with my father via texts and phone calls until he passed away.

While I was convicted by a system where defendants lose 90% of the time, I want to emphasize that this was the result of a manipulated legal process, not actual violent behavior. I was even manhandled and fist-punched by the arresting officer in front of my mother's porch on a lazy, Sunday afternoon! Alas, I got 6 months due to the mandatory sentencing but Was Found Not Guilty in every other counts, I had been charged with by an unethical prosecutor.. In other words, I was charged with assault on a police officer with no underlying crime. And this is almost never heard from. The presiding Judge; Judge Richardson, saw thru my father's cruel strategy and told me at sentencing that he was deeply sorry but that his hands were tied given the mandatory sentence.

## **7. Request for Transparency and Justice**

I respectfully request that the City Attorney's Office grant me access to the Department of Protection for Adult file of GAETANE GAGNON in its entirety. It is essential not only for my exoneration but also for ensuring transparency and justice in this matter. I certainly will have to fight Mr. F. Friedman in Probate Court once my mother will have passed away therefore it is must clear my name before then and be allowed to represent my legal interests in The Commonwealth of Virginia. Moreover, I must be allowed to move my mother with all of her belongings back to our motherland, Montreal, Quebec, Canada where we both belong. I deeply appreciate your time and attention to these urgent issues. I am hopeful for a swift resolution so that I can be there for my mother in her time of needs as I am her only child.

Please, believe me when I say that my mother and I, have both fallen victims of ruthless, unscrupulous opportunists.

Sincerely,

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