

Justice for My Mother: A Call to Investigate Financial Exploitation and Psychological Abuse

My name is Derrek. I am the only child of Linda Luke, who died under circumstances I believe involved long-term psychological abuse and financial exploitation.

Her former acquaintance and roommate isolated her from me, used her debit card accessing her bank account without permission for over a year, and continued exploiting her finances after her death. She removed Linda's wallet and valuables from the home that should have been secured by the authorities and then made a final cash withdrawal.

My mother was not a willing victim. She suffered from emotional vulnerability and mental fatigue, which the perpetrator exploited through gaslighting, intimidation, and undue influence. Even after abruptly abandoning the household, she left her belongings and kept the keys to retain her grip on the home. My mother was psychologically coerced into maintaining contact—proof that the abuser had overridden her free will.

In her final months, my mother organized her financial records and left notes that clearly documented her awareness of the exploitation. These were her last acts of resistance.

I am calling for:

- A formal investigation into the perpetrator's actions
- Legal recognition of undue influence as a mechanism of financial abuse
- Reform in how we protect vulnerable adults from coercive control

This is not just my story. It's a warning. Silence kills. And I refuse to stay silent.

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1. **Relationship to Victim** I am the only child of Linda Luke, who passed away on October 5, 2025. I am submitting this affidavit to request a formal investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death, which I believe involved financial exploitation and psychological abuse.
2. **Victim's Vulnerability** My mother was a vulnerable adult known to suffer from emotional sensitivity, confusion, and isolation. These conditions were exploited by a former live-in acquaintance who used psychological coercion to establish undue influence over her.
3. **Pattern of Abuse** The perpetrator employed tactics including:
 - Isolation from family and friends
 - Gaslighting to undermine her perception of reality
 - Intimidation through erratic and fear-inducing behavior
 - Infantilization to erode her independence
4. **Financial Exploitation** The perpetrator used my mother's impersonated my mother for over a year to use her debit card after moving out. Following my mother's death, the perpetrator made a final cash withdrawal and paid her own rent using my mother's retirement income. Material valuables were removed from the home without notify the sole beneficiary.
5. **Evidence of Criminal Intent** At the time of death, the perpetrator sent me a vague message ("not good") while reporting a definitive "DOA" status to police. This discrepancy enabled her to control the scene and escalate the theft before law enforcement could intervene.
6. **Victim's Final Acts of Free Will** In her final months, my mother organized financial documents and left notes indicating awareness of the exploitation. These actions demonstrate her cognizance and rejection of the perpetrator's control.
7. **Call to Action** I respectfully request that law enforcement and legal authorities investigate this case as one involving:
 - Financial exploitation
 - Undue influence
 - Elder abuse
 - Post-mortem theft and fraud