



## David Parry of Flint Township accused of leaving 95-year-old aunt in filthy conditions; Charged with second-degree vulnerable adult abuse

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**FLINT TOWNSHIP, Michigan** -- The nephew of a one-time Flint socialite is accused of mistreating the 95-year-old and forcing her to live in filth.

"She was a prisoner in her own home," said Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell.

David S. Parry, 37, of Millington was jailed Dec. 27 on charges of second-degree vulnerable adult abuse after a five-month investigation into his role as his aunt's caretaker. He was released from the county jail Wednesday on a \$25,000 personal recognizance bond.

Pickell said Parry's aunt -- the widow of a former bank executive -- paid him \$3,000 a month to be her caretaker.

But after getting complaints about garbage piled up around her Flint Township home, Pickell said investigators with the Genesee County Elder Abuse and Exploitation Prevention program visited the house in August and were shocked by what they found -- including a bucket of urine and feces in the shower and empty beer bottles and trash piled throughout the home to the point where people could barely walk from room to room.

Inside a bedroom, Pickell said Parry's aunt was found lying in bed with open sores and suffering from malnutrition and severe dehydration.

"We thought she might die," said Pickell.

Doctors later told investigators that it appeared the woman had not been bathed or moved from her bed for two to three weeks.

The woman -- whom police are not identifying -- is now living in an area nursing home.

Pickell said Parry told investigators that he has not worked for six years and was completely dependent on his aunt for money. He had been living with her off and on for 13 years.

A warrant for Parry's arrest was issued the day after Christmas following a lengthy probe of bank and medical records.

"It takes a lot of time to build these cases," said Pickell.

In her younger years, Pickell said the woman had worked as a volunteer in many areas -- including McLaren Regional Medical Center, where she was taken for treatment.

"It's ironic that she served people all her life, but when it came time for her to be served, no one □ was there for her," said Pickell.

The case is the latest in a string involving elderly people who investigators have claimed were taken advantage of by those supposed to be looking after them.

The second-degree vulnerable adult abuse charge against Parry carries a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said authorities don't plan to let up on such cases.

"We will continue to be watchful for our seniors, who are being victimized by this type of activity," said Leyton.

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