



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: Helen Lloyd Wanted for Elder Exploitation

After a lengthy investigation by the Newark Police Department, the Office of the Attorney General, Adult Protective Services, and the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, an indictment has been handed down by the Grand Jury charging Helen Lloyd with eight crimes, seven of which are felonies. The charges stem from Lloyd's lack of care and economic exploitation of an infirm adult.

Chronological sequence of events: The victim, a male born April 22, 1940, was a resident of Hillside Nursing Home, where Lloyd was employed. The victim had a history of a stroke, partial paralysis, seizure disorder, and was bedbound. With the consent of the victim's family in 2004, the victim moved from the nursing home and went to live with Lloyd, in whose care the victim was placed. Lloyd became the representative payee for the victim's monthly SSI income. The money was to be used only for the victim's personal care and his share of rent.

On September 5, 2007, the New Castle County Police Department received a report that the victim had been left alone in a residence at 1011 Paisley Lane, New Castle. In the NCCPD report, it was noted that the house was without electricity, was in disarray, and had a large amount of dog feces on the floors. The victim was found in a wheelchair on the second floor. Adult Protective Services was notified and became involved with the victim. The victim remained in Lloyd's care.

On March 18, 2008, Adult Protective Services went to check on the victim at Lloyd's new address of 113 Madison Drive, Newark. The person who answered the door claimed the victim was out of the house with Lloyd, and would not allow APS to enter the house. The case worker waited for Lloyd to get home, and saw that she was alone when she returned. The Newark Police were notified, and upon checking on the victim found him in his upstairs bedroom.

On April 12, 2008, the victim was admitted to Christiana Hospital due to four bedsores.

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On May 27, 2008, APS went to check on the victim at 657 Lehigh Road, Newark, where Lloyd claimed to be living. After getting no answer at the door, the Newark Police were notified. Officers entered the apartment and found the victim to be alone inside. The victim was lying on a hospital bed in the dining room; there were no sheets on the bed. The apartment was otherwise dirty and cluttered with debris and piles of food on the floor. The victim was again admitted to the hospital for treatment of bedsores. The victim was removed from Lloyd's care.

The investigation revealed that the SSI payments being received by Lloyd exceeded the monies needed to provide for his care and share of rent. It was also learned that Lloyd continued to collect the victim's SSI for three months after the termination of her care for the victim.

The indictment charges Lloyd with:

- 2 counts of Mistreating of an Infirm Adult for the March and May discoveries of the bedsores on the victim,
- 2 counts of Exploiting the Resources of an Infirm Adult for using the victim's SSI money for purposes other than to care for the victim,
- 3 additional counts of Exploiting the Resources of an Infirm Adult for collecting the victim's SSI payment for the months of June, July, and August 2008 when the victim was no longer in Lloyd's care, and
- 1 count of Neglect of an Infirm Adult (misdemeanor) for leaving the victim alone and without electricity in the September 2007 incident.

The Newark Police Department is currently seeking Helen Lloyd. She is a white female, 5' 8" tall, 175 lbs, with brown hair and hazel eyes. She was last known to be living in the Middletown area. Information concerning her whereabouts can be reported to Det. Andrew Rubin at 302-366-7110 ext. 135 or Andrew.Rubin@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be anonymously given to Crime Stoppers, where a reward may be available, by calling 1-800-TIP-3333.

NOTE: The victim died in October 2008 from causes unrelated to this investigation.

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