



National Guardianship Association

Presidential Connection Tour 2022



*North Carolina Guardianship Association Virtual Conference
May 13th*



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**The NGA
advances national
Standards of Practice
for guardians.**





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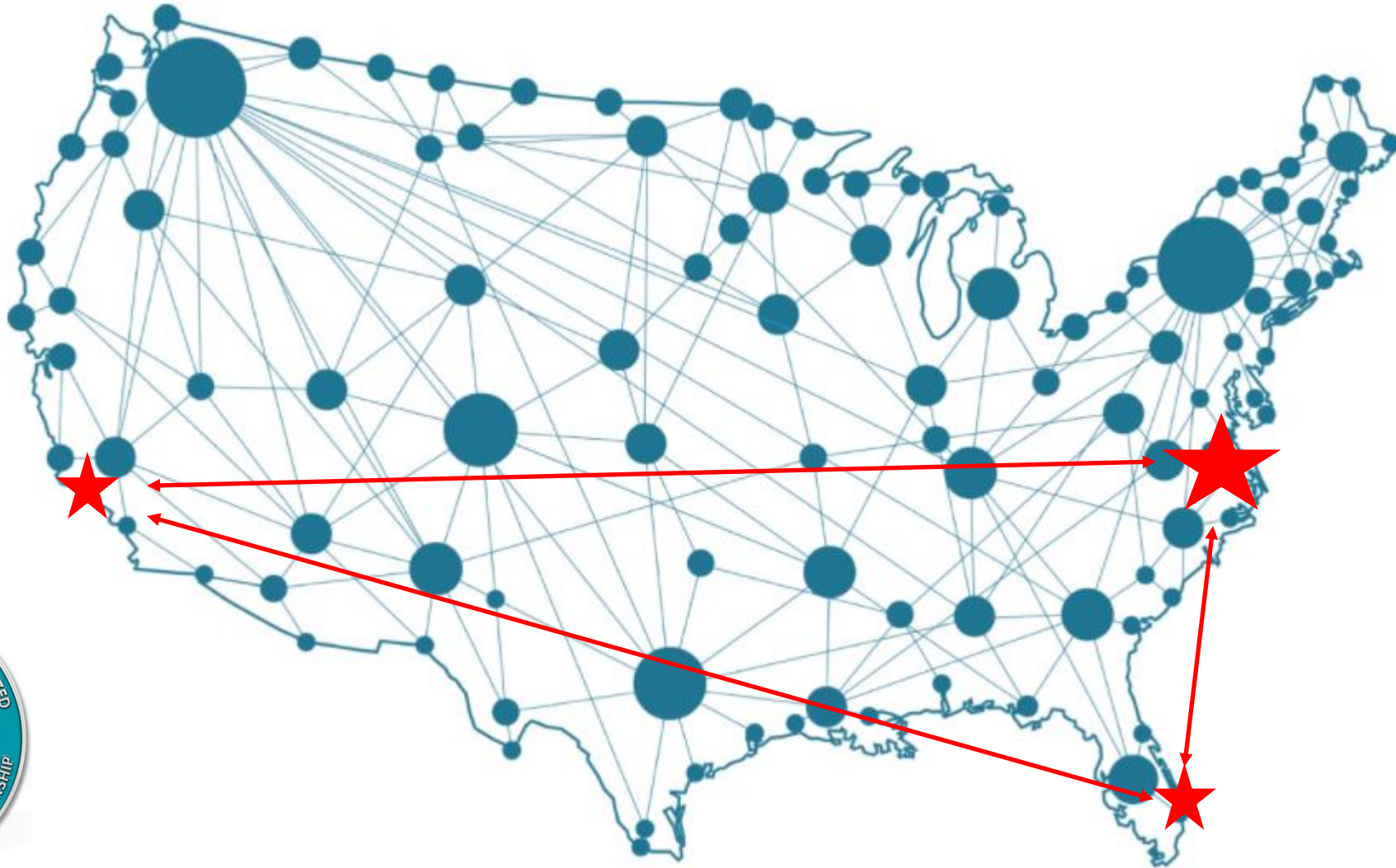


**The NGA
promotes
Ethical Principles
for guardianship.**



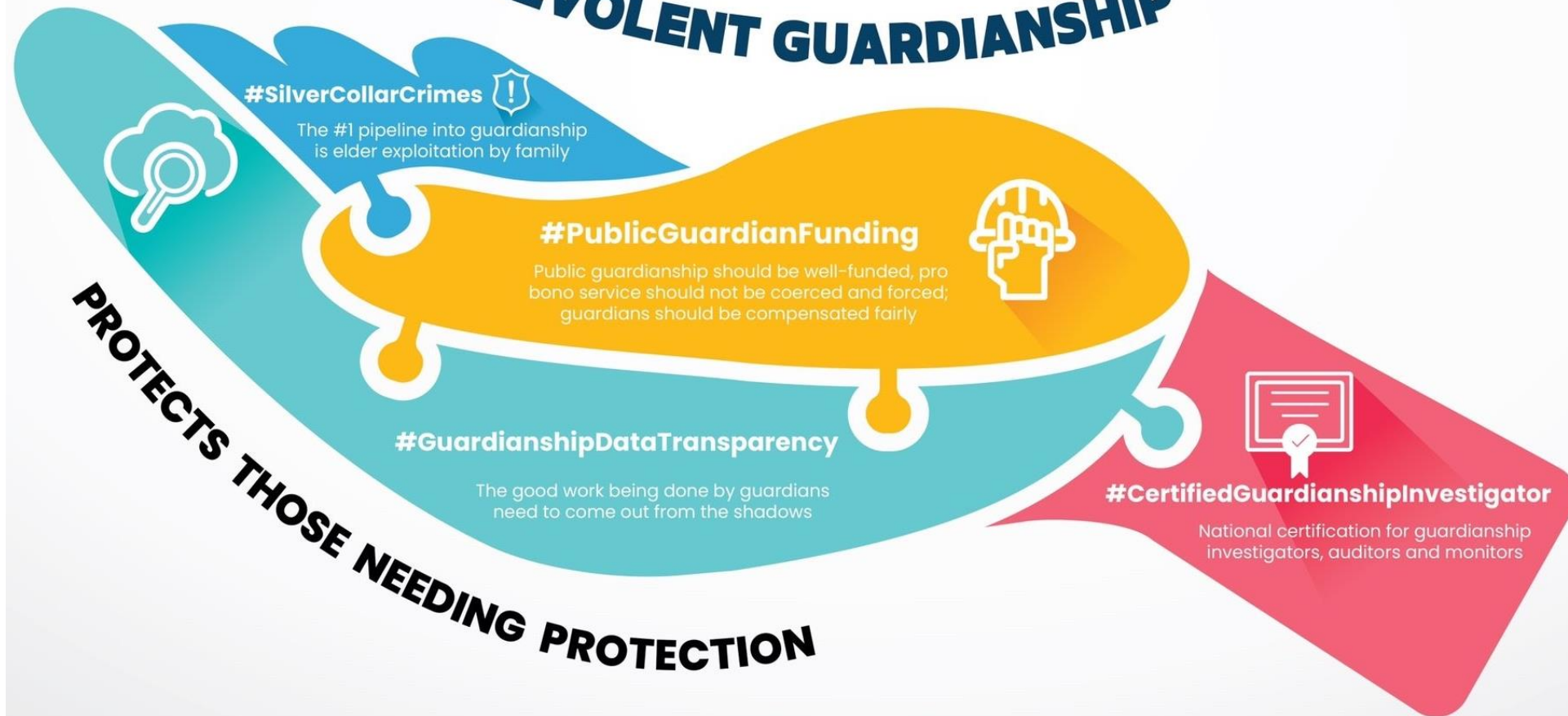


Good, ethical and benevolent guardianship





GOOD ETHICAL BENEVOLENT GUARDIANSHIP





britneyspears 🌟 What an amazing weekend ... I felt like I was on cloud 9 the whole time ☁️!!! I actually got my first glass of champagne 🍷 at the most beautiful restaurant I've ever seen last night !!!! I'm celebrating my freedom and my B day for the next two months !!!!!!!!!!!!! I mean after 13 years ... I think I've waited long ENOUGH !!!! I'm so happy my lawyer Mathew Rosengart came into my life when he did ... he has truly turned my life around ... I'm forever thankful for that !!!! What a sight seeing so many people celebrating my victory I love my fans so much ... so thank you 🌹 !!!!





2022 National Conference on Guardianship



Dallas – October 23-25

guardianship.org



Professional Enrichment Webinars – 4 hours free yearly

**Addressing the Needs of Transgender & Gender
Diverse Communities (Live June 9th)**

Aging in Place...Digitally (Recorded)

**Life Insurance Settlements: Helping Clients Benefit
from a Hidden Asset (Recorded)**



Virtual Coffee Chats – Bi-Monthly

~~February~~

~~April~~

June 27

August 29

October 17

December 19



CoffeeChat



The National Guardian Quarterly Newsletter

#GuardianshipDataTransparency (Winter)

#SilverCollarCrimes (Spring)

#CertifiedGuardianshipInvestigator (Summer)

#PublicGuardianFunding (Fall)





#GuardianshipDataTransparency



Decision-makers & policy makers



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

Guardianship is good public policy

Guardians are doing good & ethical work

Leads to continuous process improvement



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

550 state registered professional guardians
1,733 allegations of wrongdoing
Across 65% of Florida counties

As of May 9, 2022.



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

1,505 Not True (86.8%)

228 True (13.2%)

As of May 9, 2022.



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Technical deficiencies / No harm

Exceptions / Some harm

Criminal behavior / Significant harm



#GuardianshipDataTransparency



Stephen wants to live...

He wants life-saving actions
should he need them...

The guardian put a DNR on
him and refuses to remove
the DNR...

Photographer unknown. Published in the Orlando Sentinel, September 18, 2019.



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

208 wards
19 counties



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In Orange County (Florida),

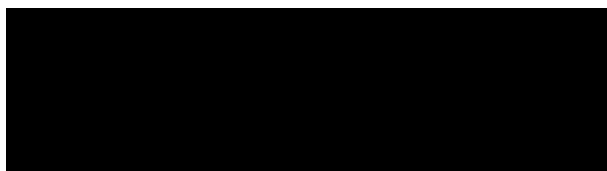
88 of 90 wards or 97.8%



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LETTERS OF PLENARY GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, REBECCA FIERLE has been appointed plenary guardian of the property of



(the Ward), and has taken the prescribed oath and performed all other

acts prerequisite to issuance of plenary letters of guardianship of the property of the Ward.



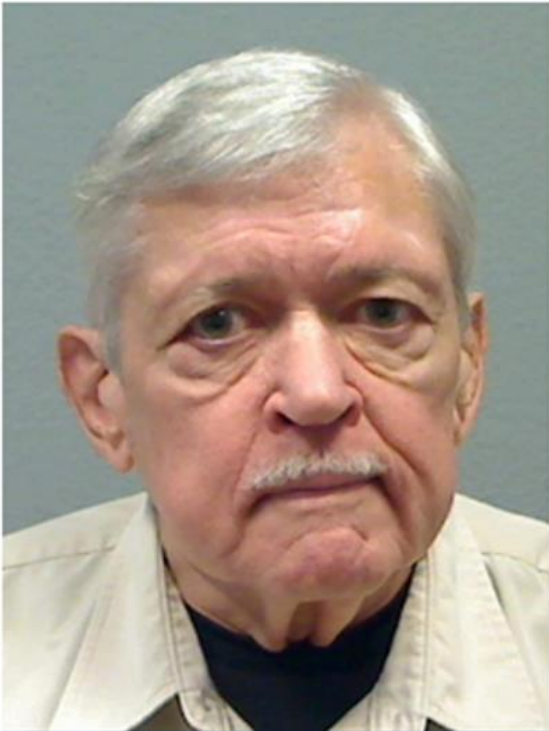
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**“DNRs are a part of
my business process.”**



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

Florida Department of Law Enforcement - Sexual Offender / Predator Flyer



Steven Howard Stryker
Date Of Photo: 02/18/2014

[Click Here to Track this Offender](#)

Designation:	Sexual Offender
Name:	Steven Howard Stryker
Status:	Released - Subject to Registration
Department of Corrections #:	E14021 Search the Dept of Corrections Website
Date of Birth:	02/19/1944
Race :	White
Sex:	Male
Hair:	Grey
Eyes:	Hazel
Height:	6'02"
Weight:	205 lbs

Stryker is registered as a Sexual Offender.
Positive Identification cannot be established unless a
fingerprint comparison is made.

Aliases

Steven Stryker, Howard Stryker Steven, Steven H Stryker



#GuardianshipDataTransparency

St. Joseph's Hospital
3001 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Tampa, FL 33607-

Progress Notes

Reasons for DNR is not rational
Guardian does not have a healthcare background
Ward's medical condition is not terminal
Requesting guardian and hospital rescind DNR



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Cremated remains of 9 people found in office of embattled Central Florida guardian

Watchdog: FDLE Raids Office of Embattled Guardian Rebecca Fierle

New audit shows AdventHealth paid embattled guardian Rebecca Fierle nearly \$4 million



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-WbrN5pgRmU>



#SilverCollarCrimes

Elder persons are exponentially more likely
to be exploited and abused
by family members,
friends, or those persons
in close proximity.





"Some" but not "all"

Authoritarian & powerful

Non-caregivers

Unhappy with advanced directives

Manipulated the advanced directives

Money and control driven

Zero-sum game





#SilverCollarCrimes

NoTice to Anthony Palmieri / Inspector General
Palm Beach Clerk of the Court & President of the
National Guardianship Association

LETTER OF INTENT :

I, the woman, Christine, intend on filing a Claim
against Anthony Palmieri's SureTy/ Liability bond,
pertaining to his Violation of the CONSTITUTIONAL
OATH of Office he signed.

Anyone who oversteps their authority (given by 'we
the people') aids and abetts crimes and thinks they
are above the LAW is guilty of wrong doing.

#16 I am giving Anthony Palmieri five (5) days after receipt of the
Notice of INTENT LETTER and the DEMAND LETTER, dated the
13th day of February 2022, to right this wrong for I intend on
filing a Claim against his Surety/ Liability Bond. I am aware the
audits and investigations will take several months, however I
expect to have case# s assigned per investigation and audit
within the 5 days and most importantly I need the letters to FREE
my Dad from these abusive criminals, his life depends on it.

I am expecting the completion of my very lenient demands
within five (5) days from day you receive the Notice of INTENT
LETTER and the DEMAND LETTER (w/ the exception of the
investigations and audits which could take several months).
however, I expect case # information as well as contact numbers
for the ones doing the audits and investigations.
I demand complete Transparency and Respect.
I'm not asking- you work for us..don't forget that.
This unlawful horrific situation must be righted.

Executor

#12 Forgery - Florida Statute 825.103

#13 Animal Abuse/Neglect (resulting in death)

#14 Elder Abuse

#15 False Imprisonment

#16 Mail Fraud

#17 Administering drugs without a prescription
#18 Human Trafficking - (man abducted under
duress)

#19 COERCIVE Control



Handwritten notes and signatures:
- "X-6" (large handwritten mark)
- "RECEIVED FEB 11 2022" (stamp)
- "Anthony Palmieri" (signature)
- "301 N. Olive Ave" (address)
- "9th Floor" (address)
- "West Palm Beach, FL 33401" (address)
- "FEB 11 2022" (stamp)
- "OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT" (stamp)
- "CLERK OF COURT" (stamp)



#SilverCollarCrimes

Crimes and fraud perpetrated against
persons with significant cognitive decline
using the legal system or legal documents.





First guardianship fraud hotline in the USA

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- GUARDIANSHIP INTEGRITY ASSURANCE HOTLINE

File a Report Online

Community Resources

Services »

Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline

Using the Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline, you can report concerns and incidents of financial fraud or waste involving court-appointed guardians for elderly persons, minor children and incapacitated individuals. This includes but is not limited to:

- Missing money or property
- Altered or fabricated documents
- Isolation from family or friends
- Suspicious loans, funds transfers, opened or closed accounts/lines of credit
- Suspicious purchase or sale of real or personal property
- Taking excessive fees that are not reasonable

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CONTACT

Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline
561-355-3728

[File a report online](#)

Guardianship Fraud

PROTECTING OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS



If you suspect anyone of misusing the finances or assets of a person under guardianship, report it!

GUARDIANSHIP INTEGRITY ASSURANCE HOTLINE

(561) 355-3728
www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/fraud
fraud@mypalmbeachclerk.com

A guardianship is a legal proceeding under which a person (guardian) has the legal right and duty to care for another person (ward) and/or property.

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Red Flags of Guardianship Fraud

Using the Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline, you can report suspected fraud, financial mismanagement or other concerns involving court-appointed guardianships for the elderly, minor children and incapacitated persons.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Missing money or property
- Suspicious loans, funds transfers, opened or closed accounts/lines of credit
- Suspicious purchases or sales of real estate or personal property
- Undisclosed conflicts of interest
- Significant family discord or isolation of the person under guardianship
- Guardian or attorney lacks relevant guardianship experience
- Guardian, caregiver or family member is living a lavish lifestyle, well beyond means
- A trust or power of attorney is involved, assets are unprotected without court oversight
- Last known whereabouts are unknown for the guardian or the person under guardianship; only the caregiver has seen the person under guardianship

If you reasonably suspect physical abuse or neglect, contact the Florida Department of Children and Families at 1.800.96ABUSE (1.800.962.2873)

Si usted ha sido testigo de que un tutor nombrado por los tribunales haya hecho mal uso de las finanzas de la persona bajo su tutela, reportalo por favor a Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Guardianship Integrity Assurance Hotline.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF

LINDA NANCY,

Ward;

MARGARET NANCY

Guardian.

PROBATE/GUARDIANSHIP

DIVISION:

CASE NO. 502015GA001335XXXXMB

**ORDER REMOVING AND DISCHARGING GUARDIAN AND RESERVING
JURISDICTION TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT GUARDIAN TO PROTECT THE
PROPERTY AND PERSON OF THE WARD**

THIS CAUSE came to be heard, in chambers, September 6 2021 before the Honorable





Elderly woman found dead in freezer in Sebastian

by Gary Detman, Luli Ortiz | Friday, April 29th 2022



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[VIEW ALL PHOTOS](#)

Marie Hoskins, 93, found dead in a freezer in the garage in Sebastian on April 28, 2022. (WPEC)



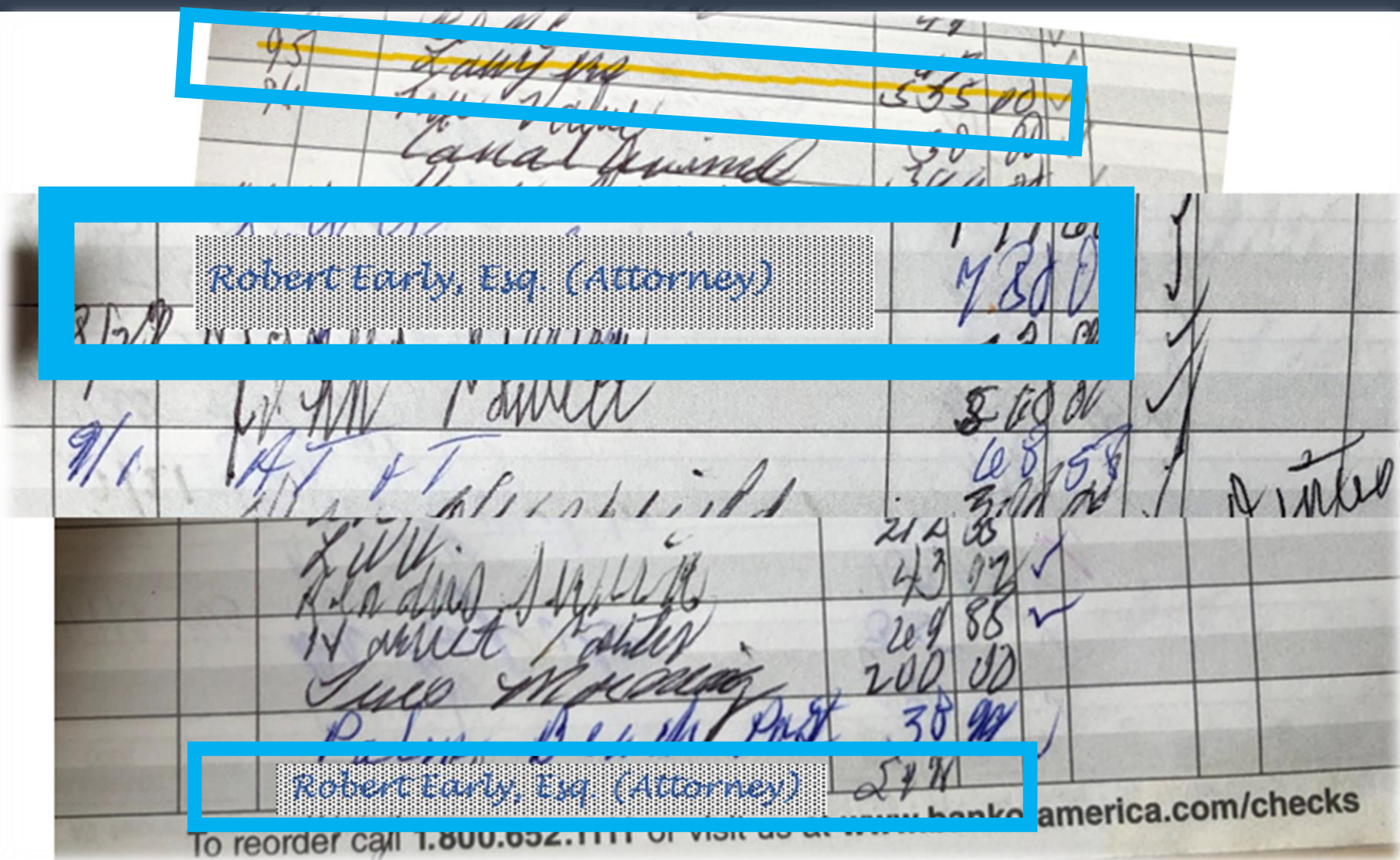


Checks

Date	Check #	Amount
09/07/18	7272	-840.00
09/14/18	7273	-17.94
08/21/18	7276*	-15.00
08/24/18	7277	-35.00
08/21/18	7282*	-177.96
08/27/18	7283	-780.00

Date	Check #	Amount
08/31/18	7284	-22.96
09/06/18	7285	-560.00
09/05/18	7288*	-300.00
09/06/18	7291*	-1,500.00
09/13/18	7292	-32.90
09/12/18	7293	-623.00

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#SilverCollarCrimes





#PublicGuardianFunding

Public policy = public appropriations

Reasonable living wage

Commensurate expertise & experience

Abolish forced pro-bono



#CertifiedGuardianshipInvestigator

Auditors, investigators, reviewers, monitors

Local, state, federal

Diligence, objective, skeptical

Empathic to good & ethical guardians



Case Study





Confidential complaint

Mom is receiving inadequate medical care.

The professional guardian killed her.

The feeding tube was removed.



NGA Standard #14

The guardian shall promote, monitor, and maintain the health and well-being of the person under guardianship.

OPPG Standard 14(a) and FS 744.3215(1)



NGA Standard #15

When a Ward cannot express her preferences, the Professional Guardian shall seek input from others to determine what the Ward would have wanted.

OPPG Standard 7(d) and FS 744.361



Investigative Finding #1

The daughter did not want
mother taken off feeding tube.



Investigative Finding #2

The husband wanted
no life saving measures
to be taken.



Investigative Finding #3

The other daughter stated
she and family members felt
feeding tube should be removed.



Investigative Finding #4

According to the facility,
the husband did not want
his wife to suffer
or be placed on
any feeding tubes.



Investigative Finding #5

The IG's review of the confidential court records indicated no petitions, notices, hearings, or orders regarding medical decisions.



Investigative Finding #6

The husband stated that
his wife would not have
wanted a feeding tube.



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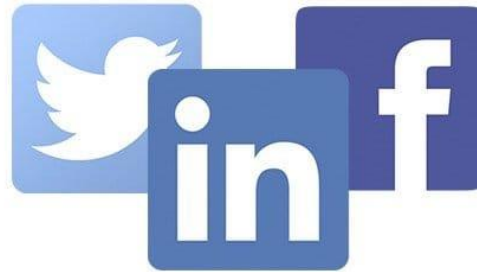
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