

fraudulent transactions as this one. Yet, the mother did not want to pursue this course of action and she ended up at her daughter's place.²

Case 2:

The public health nurse called and said that they had found a 72-year old woman in Winnipeg in a house where there was no heat, no running water, nothing. The public health nurse brought this woman to the hospital and she was admitted. It soon became apparent that this woman had been sexually abused. Upon questioning, this elderly woman told us that she had been sexually abused by the extended family members and also by other people who were in the house, because of drinking.

This woman was kept in the hospital for several days, but soon the pension cheques arrived and the family asked for discharge of this woman. Within seven days we were notified that this woman had been killed by the extended family because she had refused to turn over her pension cheque.³

Case 3:

We had a lady who was being emotionally battered. She had a husband who had a heart attack. This was a lively and alert older woman in her 70s. Every time she left the house, he would say, I'm going to get a heart attack; you're abandoning me; you don't care for me.

We finally persuaded her that we would send somebody to stay with her husband while she came out. She had an artistic background and took part in some silk-screening classes. Gradually, because she was very good at it and liked it so much, we told her we wanted her to teach the class for a nominal payment.

Because we had offered to pay her, her husband thought, well, this is a job. So now he quite happily lets her go out to the silk-screening class every day and the volunteer no longer has to stay with him.

² Poirier, 9:29

³ Giesbrecht, 9:19