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10 Years to Serve for Man Who Stole \$1.35 Million from Own Mother
State vs. Thomas Glenn North

November 4, 2024 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Thomas Glenn North, 64, entered a non-negotiated guilty plea to 37 charges in a case involving neglect, exploitation, and theft of an elderly woman. He was sentenced to 40 years, with the first 10 years to serve in prison and the balance to serve on probation. He was also ordered to pay back the entire sum he stole from his mother.

During the hearing, which occurred on September 26, North admitted to 1 count of neglect to a disabled, adult, elderly person; 1 count of exploitation and intimidation of disabled, adult, or elderly person; and 35 counts of theft by taking.

The defendant was charged with these crimes following a Woodstock Police Department investigation that began when a family member discovered that the victim's bank account had been depleted and her assisted living facility was evicting her due to nonpayment of rent.

North, who was power of attorney for his elderly mother, failed to pay rent to the Woodstock assisted living facility where she lived, causing her eviction. Over the course of three years, North withdrew a total of \$1.35 million from the victim's bank account and trust fund, leaving her in a position where she could no longer afford to stay at the assisted living facility.

At the plea hearing, the victim's daughter provided an impact statement via video conferencing. She described her mother's feelings of betrayal and said that North's greed has negatively impacted her physical and emotional health.

"At a vulnerable time in her life, the victim in this case trusted her son to serve as power of attorney, with the expectation that he would safeguard her finances and well-being," said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines, of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney. "Instead, he shamelessly took funds from a family trust, stole the proceeds of her home sale, and completely depleted her life savings, forcing her to rely on the support of other family members."

During the plea hearing, the State requested a sentence of 40 years with five to serve, plus restitution. The Defense argued for a sentence of 40 years on probation with restitution.

Superior Court Judge Tony Baker sentenced the defendant to 40 years with the first 10 years to be served in confinement and the remainder to be served on probation. He ordered North to pay restitution in the amount of \$1.35 million, at a rate of \$50,000 per year. North is also forbidden to have contact with the victim or any member of her family.

“Elder abuse takes many forms, including theft. Sadly, this is often a crime that involves family members,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “What is especially shocking about this case is that this defendant brazenly withdrew thousands of dollars on a regular basis until his mother was left penniless and no longer able to support herself. A lifetime of savings was wiped out in three years.”

The case was investigated by the Woodstock Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines, Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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