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# Means, motive, and opportunity - Pastor Guilty of Murder, Embezzlement, Elder Abuse

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hey Wayne,

This is just like the Foreigner play that Tom was in - the Pastor was the embezzler/murderer - life imitates art below...

Murder, She wrote,

Marjie and Alan:)

p.s. also below, first skeletal draft of the *Hamilton Estate TimeLine* spreadsheet - looks like a plot on any detective sitcom if you ask me...what do you think?

(pasted contents of spreadsheet, so you wouldn't have to deal with spreadsheet mechanics...will do invite to actual google spreadsheet for you as well)

p.s.s. What's the status of the goals from the early December meeting?

- 1) the bank letters
- 2) power of attorney from sylvia, or have her go to bank with you, or have Judge compel her to produce them
  - death notice in paper

p.s.s.s. Eran was over here and said something about you going to Costa Rica again this month. Our 90 days is up on Jan 28th isn't it? When is our next court appointment? Do we need to get the subpoenas that the Randolph Brooks Credit Union wants for the pre-death records or Maureen's account approved by the Probate Judge, in our attempts at discovery of where the assets of the estate are?

found thru google of "elder murder embezzlement"

http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,397623,00.html

# Calif. Pastor Guilty of Murder, Embezzlement, Elder Abuse

Tuesday, August 05, 2008

Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. — A jury has convicted a Central Valley preacher of murdering an 85-year-old rancher

### to cover up his embezzlement of more than \$1 million from the victim.

Jurors in Stanislaus County Superior Court also found 57-year-old Howard Douglas Porter guilty of attempted murder, embezzlement and elder abuse Monday afternoon.

Prosecutors say 57-year-old Porter drove Frank Craig's pickup truck into an irrigation ditch, drowning him in April 2004.

The Hickman preacher faces life in prison without the possibility of parole, which will be decided during at his sentencing on Sept. 2.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opportunity\_(law)

## Means, motive, and opportunity

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In US <u>Criminal law</u>, **means**, **motive**, **and opportunity** is a popular cultural summation of the three aspects of a <u>crime</u> needed to convince a <u>jury</u> of guilt in a <u>criminal proceeding</u>. Respectively, they refer to: the ability of the defendant to commit the crime (**means**), the reason the defendant had to commit the crime (<u>motive</u>), and whether or not the defendant had the opportunity to commit the crime (**opportunity**). Ironically, motive is not an element of many crimes, but proving motive can often make it easier to convince a jury of the elements that must be proved for a conviction.

### Hamilton Estate TimeLine - first draft

date event

At age 88 Alfred, and Maureen, age 78, invest in new annuities that mature on their 95th birthday in 2016. Also, buy long-term health care at \$500/month. Brian Dudley is their agent.

2000 Delta Life or one of those annuity companies begs and pleads for Maureen to not withdraw her funds from their company. They succeed in convincing her to keep her business with them.

#### April 2004 Alfred died

Sylvia cuts off Alan's money supply to take care of Estate Real Estate and stops paying all bills. Alan's phone is disconnected and his truck insurance expires. He has to have Wayne Gronquist the Lawyer write Sylvia a letter just to get \$4000 from her, when she had like 1 million in the bank apparently.

June 1004 Annuities cashed in with Danny's the CPA's help, telling Danny that she is broke as well, with \$200,000 in bank.

Mutual of Omaha gives money to Sylvia and CPA without ever attempting to send a salesman to try to keep her business, or send a letter to Alan?

Sept 2004-2006 Bank transfers from Maureen's to Sylvia's accounts (\$500,000 discovered so far, Chase and RBCU)

2 months before Maureen died Maureen talking about wanting to go into nursing home

- 1 to 2 months before Maureen died Sylvia refuses to answer door when Alan comes over to see his Mom and Maureen is bed and wheelchair bound. Alan calls police, who say he has to call Adult Protective Services. Alan then calls Adult Protective Services, who says he must come up with \$50 before they will check on his Mom.
- 1 month before Maureen died Sylvia takes Maureen's phone away "because she keeps trying to call Brian Dudley and nursing homes."
- 1 month before Maureen dies what is last date Alan saw Maureen? Sylvia cuts off access to Maureen by Alan or Brian Dudley

#### 10/6/2006 Maureen died

Nov 2006 Sylvia has Maureen cremated before telling Alan that she died, and finishes bank transfers before telling Alan as well. 3 weeks pass before Alan is told his mother died. Alan stopped by Sylvia's during that time and got no answer at the door.