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PRE - WILL CARE

1986, April 23 - Jane Duchene admitted to Wedgewood Nursing Home because she was mentally incapacitated to the degree that she could not live on her own and care for herself, without some help.

1986, April/May - Mary Jane contacts Dr. Murphy and obtains a list of evaluations that should be done that includes a CAT scan, mental status examination, complete history from various sources, psychometrics by a psychologist to determine whether there is brain damage and where it is, because the Krauses, attorney Briguet and those supporting them are refusing to cooperate with such examinations, according to reports by Pat Gallagher.

1986, April - July 2 - Legal and Medical:

- Dennis Briguet, via Mary Jane's attorney, Pat Gallagher, threatens and attempts to bully Mary Jane into signing over the family home to the Krauses and conceding to various other legal moves that are to the Krause's benefit.
- Briguet threatens to report Jane's past gifts to Mary Jane to the IRS if Mary Jane does not agree to sell the house which is unsuccessful as Mary Jane tells him to to that.
- Jane's medical condition is reasonably stable except for repeated instances of insulin shock.
- Dr. Corbett gradually lowers her insulin dosages because of insulin shock.
- Jane denies pain or discomfort from chemo treatment and cancer,

1986, April 22 - Corbett's orders for 15 units lente A.M. and 10 units lente P.M. instituted at Wedgewood HCC. See B-37.

1986, April 23 - Corbett institutes orders for a sliding scale of regular insulin to be used in the P.M. schedule, re: Diabetes. See B-38.

1986, May 30 - Chemo treatment. See B-1.

1986, June 01 - Jane falls and it is reported by her roommate, Mary Meyers, Jane reluctant to discuss it. See B-1.

1986, June 05 - Glucometer reading 67 at 6:00 A.M. No treatment recorded. See B-1.

1986, June 07 - Diabetes and Psychiatric Care:

- Glucometer reading less than 40, at 6:00 A.M. Orange juice given. See B-1.
- No changes in insulin orders by Dr. Corbett. See B-37 and B-38.

1986, Early to mid-June - Psychiatric evaluation to test for spread of cancer

- Jane attends a psychiatrist's office {Dr. McCafferty}. No mental status exam, history taking or other scientific and standard evaluations are done. Jane is given an MMPI which is not an effective tool for determining organic brain syndrome.
- Dr. McCafferty would have needed to refer Jane to a qualified neurologist and psychologist for appropriate examinations and scientific testing, to satisfy normal medical standards and he did not do this.
- The Krause family and attorney Briguet have considerable communication with McCafferty and are present at both visits, one an introductory visit and one to give Jane the MMPI. It was essential that Jane be deemed competent for the will to be valid.

1986, June 12 - Medical:

- Glucometer reading 54 at 6:00 A.M. Orange Juice given.
- Jane refused to go to doctor's appointment saying she had not been informed of appointment. See B-1 and B-2. Also see B-37 and B-38.

1986, June 16 - Call placed to Dr. Corbett for new insulin orders:

- Orders for reduction of insulin dosages to 14 units lente in A.M. and 4 units regular in A.M., continuing the 10 units lente in P.M. and 6 units regular in P.M.
- ORDERS INSTITUTED THAT DR. CORBETT TO BE CALLED IF GLUCOMETER READING ABOVE 250 OR BELOW 72 FOR TWO DAYS. See B-38 and B-2.

1986, June 18 - Glucometer reading 42 at 6:00 A.M. Orange juice given. See B-2.

1986, June 19 - Medical:

- Glucometer reading LLL at 5:30 A.M. Orange juice given. See B-2. Glucometer 91 at 6:00 A.M.
- Comment made about good support system with Krauses.

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- Corbett's office called at 10:00 A.M. At 6:30 P.M. Dr. Daly (Corbett's associate) calls with new orders reducing Jane's insulin to 12 units lente in A.M. and 8 units lente in P.M. See B-38 and B-2.

1986, June 20, 1986 - Medical:

- Jane's blood sugar level is LLL at 5:50 A.M. Orange juice given and Jane very slow to respond.
- Special orders are given by Dr. Corbett to give only 6 units of lente insulin that day, when Dr. Daly calls back at 6:10 A.M. in response to call placed to Dr. Corbett at 5:50 A.M. Laboratory blood work is ordered.
- Louise Erickson is the nurse on duty. Instituted plan by Dr. Ogden (another of Dr. Corbett's associates) to have Jane take orange juice and crackers when her blood sugars are low, at 5:15 P.M. See B-2, B-3 and B-38.

1986, June 26 and June 27 - Legal:

- Dennis Briguet does quit claim deed to straw man to sever the joint tenancy in the Duchene family home and create a tenancy in common between Jane and Mary Jane; which liberates 50% of the property so that it becomes a potential asset that Roger Krause can have or contrive to attain. Verified by documentation and deposition of Dennis Briguet.
- There had already been planning, by Dennis Briguet, who was acting as attorney for the Krauses, to create a will as no other method of getting Jane's and Mary Jane's money was working because of Mary Jane's efforts with her attorney, Pat Gallagher.

1986, June 27 - Jane's blood sugars at 4:00 PM are 68. Orange juice given. See B-3.

1986, July 01 - Medical:

- At 2:00 A.M. Jane's blood sugars are very low, BELOW 20.
- At 3:00 side rails of bed up.
- At 8:00 A.M. glucometer reading 92.
- Call placed to Dr. Corbett. See B-3.

1986, July 02 - Legal:

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- A.M.: JANE DUCHENE SIGNS WILL AT THE OFFICES OF DENNIS BRIGUET, WITH THE KRAUSES PRESENT.
- WILL WITNESSED BY BRIGUET'S SECRETARIES. Verified by the will and deposition and testimony of Dennis Briguet, later in 1987 and 1988.

1986, July 02 - Medical:

- At 12:45 A.M. Jane's blood sugar level is 53 on the glucometer and she is given orange juice. At 1:00 A.M. she remains incoherent and is given more orange juice.
- At 1:10 A.M. she is more responsive .
- At 1:20 A.M. she is better. At 9:00 A.M. a call is placed to Dr. Corbett about the low blood sugars for the past two days.
- Corbett calls back at 6:00 P.M. and institutes new orders for insulin dosages:
 - ◇ significantly reducing the overall lente dosage daily from 20 units of lente per day total to 15 units of lente per day total;- the orders are to give 12 units lente in A.M. and 3 units lente per day in the P.M. with 4 units regular .
 - ◇ The sliding scale is also changed from 4, 6, 8 and 10 units regular insulin to 4, 5, 6 and 8 units regular insulin to incrementally lower evening and night blood sugars in four ranges (a - 250 to 250, b - 251 to 300, c - 301 to 350 and d - greater than 350) respectively. See B-39 and B-41. Also see B-3 and B-4.
- *PART III CONTAINS THE TESTIMONY OF DR. CORBETT AND AFFIDAVITS ON THIS SUBJECT. AFTER INSULIN IS RESTORED TO A DOSAGE SIMILAR TO THAT SHE WAS TAKING WHEN SHE WAS DISCHARGED FROM UNITED HOSPITAL ON FEBRUARY 11, 1986; SHE HAS NO MAJOR EPISODES OF INSULIN SHOCK FROM HYPOGLYCEMIA.*

POST - "WILL" CARE

1986, July 11 - Continues chemotherapy treatment with Dr. Lerner. See B-54.

1986, July 18 - Jane begins second week of radiation treatment. She denies pain or discomfort including nausea through process. See B-4 and B-5.

1986, July 23 - Medical:

- Quarterly Care Plan and nursing review done.
- Jane the same as she was when she came to Wedgewood. SHE STILL WEIGHS ABOUT 80 POUNDS. See B-4, B-24 and B-25.

1986, July 24 - Jane says she is feeling better. See B-4.

1986, August 4 - Medical:

- Status report from St. Joseph's Hospital, Radiation Department, Dr. Rao states that the radiation therapy has been successful, that the cancer mass has considerably decreased and that pain palliation is 08:03 AM the result, although Jane has denied pain in all the Wedgewood notes. See B-53.
- Mary Jane and her attorney Pat Gallagher continue to insist that Jane Duchene be sent for the listed psychiatric, neurological and psychological evaluations and the Krauses, Briguet, Corbett, McCafferty and the nursing home resist.
- The vulnerable adult workers are not very involved on April though the end of August. Verified by notes, affidavits and testimony from Pat Gallagher; the notes and deposition of Charles McCafferty and the vulnerable adult file on Jane Duchene.

1986, August - Medical:

- Jane's condition is unremarkable and improved since insulin dosages lower and radiation therapy except that she has some edema in her ankles and feet.
- She is noted as eating well, even after radiation treatments.
- Comment made on good family support [network through Krauses. See B-4 and B-5.

1986, August 29 - Jane sees Dr. Lerner for follow up visit on Chemo and Radiation.

- Cancer mass noted as down or same.
- Hold put on chemo until follow up visit in 6 weeks. See B-54 and B-45.

1986, September 4 - Medical/Legal:

- Roger Krause is diagnosed with and has surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- Bessie Krause calls the nursing home and states Roger is in critical condition and can no longer look after Jane.
- Pat Gallagher informs Mary Jane of this fact, when he is informed by Briguet, shortly after 9/4/86. Gallagher also points out that Roger is likely to die before Jane because of the prognosis being pancreatic cancer and informs Mary Jane that the legal consequences are that all Roger's effort to get the money will be in vain, including the will Gallagher suspected had been drafted and signed, because a dead person does

not legally exist and cannot therefore inherit. See B-4 and verified in Pat Gallagher's notes and Briguet's testimony and itemized invoices.

1986, late August or early September - Dakota County Vulnerable Adult workers resume covert activities, e.g. Reichstadt send a memo to Jeff Batzel requesting that he find some way to discredit or charge Mary Jane criminally. Verified by the vulnerable adult file that contains that memorandum.

1986, September 6 - Psychiatric and Medical:

- Mary Jane calls Dr. McCafferty from Denmark and insists that he refer Jane Duchene for a CAT scan and neurological testing.
- Dr. McCafferty is hostile to Mary Jane but he realizes the situation has changes because Roger Krause is terminally ill and complies.
- Dr. McCafferty threatens Mary Jane and tells her "not to become involved in a power play" and is sarcastic about the financial matters, saying "isn't it a lot of money?" Verified in affidavits of Mary Jane Duchene and medical records of Dr. McCafferty.

1986, September 10 - Psychiatric and Medical:

- Jane Duchene attended St. Paul Radiology to have a CAT scan of her brain done.
- The Krause's daughter in law, Linda Krause (who is in town from Montana where she and her husband Robert live), goes with Jane.
- The CAT scan shows a tumor in the cerebellum and shrinkage of the brain mass. Verified by the written CAT scan report.

1986, September 29 - Psychiatric and Medical:

- Jane Duchene see Dr. Dahlquist, a neurologist, who does a basic mental status examination.
- The results of this examinations show that Jane Duchene is delusional and, for example, thinks President Kennedy is President of the United States. Verified by the written mental status report of Dr. Dahlquist.

1986, late September or early October - Legal:

- Mary Jane Duchene send out written notice affirming that she is natural guardian of her mother so that her mother has someone to look after her and so that the issue is settled, as Mary Jane can do nothing until that is resolved, in the circumstances.

Verified by the document.

- Mary Jane states in this written notice that she wishes to have Dave Duchene act as CO-guardian and to assist in coordinating Jane's health care. Verified by correspondence with Dave Duchene at this time.

1986, October 6 - Medical:

- Pat Gallagher has a conversation with Dr. Corbett to obtain a prognosis of her cancer and to inform him that the neurological and scientific testing is substantiating the suspicion of organic brain syndrome that Dr. Murphy suspected based on her symptoms, back in March of 1986 and before.
- Corbett stated that he expected Jane to live only six to ten more months. See B-60 and verified in the testimony and affidavits of Pat Gallagher.

1986, October 7 - Medical:

- Jane sees Dr. Lerner.
- Wedgewood reports Jane has been doing well and that her blood sugars have been stable.
- Her weight is up to 83 pounds. See B-46 and B-54.
- It is unclear whether the Krauses were at this appointment with Jane or how Jane got there. Jane is eating well. See B-7.

1986, October 9 - Psychiatric and Medical:

- Jane, who has been referred by Dr. Dahlquist to Dr. Boller, sees Dr. Dahlquist for psychometric testing including Bender Gestalt and Intelligence testing to determine exactly what brain function has been affected and to what degree it has been affected.
- Dr. Boller's findings are that Jane has a very low mental quotient and that she cannot function well visually and probably cannot read.
- Dr. Dahlquist finds that:
 - ◇ Jane has organic brain syndrome and that she is not mentally competent.
 - ◇ Jane Duchene was not competent in March of 1986. Verified by written reports and test results by Dr. Boller and his testimony in 1988.
- It is noticed at the nursing home that Jane has worn the same outfit for over three weeks and does not appear to have no clean clothes or needs to be reminded to

change clothes. Also states she does nothing all day and does not read or watch TV
See B-7.

1986, mid - October up to November 19, 1986 - Legal:

- Mary Jane instructs Pat Gallagher to begin guardianship proceedings;
- Pat Gallagher calls her and tells her that Dennis Briguet has informed him that he intends to oppose Mary Jane in court and file his won petition for conservatorship. Verified by Gallagher's notes and testimony and affidavits.

1986, October 16 - Flu shot given to Jane by Corbett's orders. See B-43 and B-8.

1986, October 21 - Legal:

- Mary Jane receives written notice from the Dakota County Attorney telling her that she is not her mother's legal guardian and denying her natural guardianship.
- The letter omits a statement of how the issue of legal standing on the part of the county to become involved in their private affairs can be achieved.
- The letter obviously threatens Mary Jane with the might of the county if she attempts to act as her mother's guardian.

1986, October 22 - Quarterly Plan of Care Conference and Plan:

- Jane is the same.
- Her condition is static and stable.
- Her weight is stable.
- She sits in her room all day and is withdrawn.
- She continues to have general weakness and edema in both feet.
- This Quarterly Care Plan written for the period October through January, 1987 is identical the the plan written on July 23, 1986 for the period July through October. See B-26, B-27, B-24 and B-25.

POST - 10/23/86 CARE UNTIL DEATH ON 11/19/86

1986, October 23 - Medical:

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- Dr. Corbett write to Mary Jane Duchene and tells her that her mother 's condition has deteriorated in the pasty week and she may want to visit her mother.
- There is no indication in any medical records that deterioration took place in the week BEFORE 10/23/86.
- There is evidence that Jane Duchene DETERIORATED IN THE WEEK AFTER 10/23/86. CORBETT'S LETTER IS A PREDICTION OF WHAT HE KNEW WOULD HAPPEN AS A RESULT OF HIS INSULIN ORDERS ON 10/23/86. SEE B-48.

1986, October 23 - Medical:

- AT 5:45 A.M. the glucometer reading for Jane's blood sugars is 67 and as usual she is given orange juice.
- Dr. Corbett is called by Jane Costa at 9:00 A.M. and he orders a reduction of 66 percent of Jane's daily lente insulin. See B-9 and B-42 and B-43.
- Jane Costa initially believes this is a mistake (B-42) and writes down a discontinuation of only 4 units of regular insulin in A.M.; at 11:45 (B-43).
- It appears Corbett called back with orders to discontinue 9 of 15 units of lente insulin given daily at 12.15 P.M. to restate his orders (B-9 and B-43).
- Jane's blood sugar reading are 229 at 12:15 P.M. SEE B-30 AND B-31 WHICH SHOW GLUCOMETER READINGS AS HHH IN OCTOBER AFTER THESE ORDER IMPLEMENTED .

1986, October 24 (or possibly 29th) - Medical:

- Quarterly Plan of Care rewritten to omit observation for diabetic coma that had been on plans dated 7/23/86 and 10/22/86.
- Goal and plan now is death with dignity. Plan amended as new orders are made inclusive of order for Clinitron bed on 11/2/86. States Jane is in process of dying. See B-21, B-22 and B-23.

1986, October 25 - Medical:

- Jane is up at 5:30 and tells nurse Erickson that she is going to go home and will try it on her own for a while. This is indicated as confusion.
- Later, it is noted that Jane needed assistance to dress in the A.M. and that she had an unsteady gait when she walked to supper and needed assistance of a nursing aid.

See B-10, B-30 AND B-31.

1986, October 26 - Louise Erickson notes:

- Jane is in bed with clothes on as she has no clean night gowns.
- Louise Erickson, mother in law of Dave Duchene, says she will take Jane's washing to nephew's home and bring her clean clothes in the P.M. Glucometer reading 227 in the A.M.
- Later observed Jane weak and unsteady on her feet, needs assistance and is disorientated; definitely deteriorating. See B-10, B-30 AND B-31.

1986, October 27 - Nurse Thul writes a resident referral summary addressed to Dr. Corbett. See B-47, that states:

- "blood sugars running 107 to 367 since insulin changes".
- and also states that "weight is slipping down to _____" (the number of the weight is blanked out) and clarifies that Jane is much weaker and needs assistance to dress and is incontinent at night.
- The insulin orders were sent along with Jane to the appointment later that day for Dr. Corbett to sign;- see B-42.

1986, October 27 - Medical:

- Blood sugar readings are over 450 at 6:00 A.M. Acetone breath noted shortly after.
- At noon Jane Duchene is taken on a Darts bus (a bus service for seniors in Dakota County)to see Dr. Corbett. See B-10.
- Dr., Corbett's medical notes state:
 - ◇ Jane is reported to be thinking of taking more chemo and purportedly agrees to a "NO CODE" or DNR order.
 - ◇ Ruth Ottinger , the neighbor whom reliable sources [Michael Daddario, a neighbor 2 doors from the Duchene home who was a friend of George Duchene] claim abused George Duchene when he was terminally ill and who was active in supporting the Krauses in maligning Mary Jane Duchene in the vulnerable adult matter before and on March 20, 1986;- was present at this medical appointment and it is in a position to speak for Jane Duchene.
- Jane Duchene returned with new orders; see B-11 and B-43.

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- *Subsequently, in 1991, the Minnesota Court of Appeals found Jane Duchene was incompetent for one month before her death.*
- Dr. Corbett's medical notes omit to state:
 - ◊ that Jane Duchene was visibly showing the signs of ketoacidosis and consequent mental incapacity at this appointment.
 - ◊ that no permission is sought or purportedly given by Jane to cause her own premature death from ketoacidosis nor is there a request for physician assisted suicide alleged. SEE B-50.
- ***IN 1988 DR. CORBETT TESTIFIED THAT JANE DUCHENE WAS AS COMPETENT ON MARCH 21, 1986 AS SHE WAS ON OCTOBER 27, 1986.***

1986, October 28 - Medical:

- Blood sugar readings are HHH, over 450 at 6:00 A.M. Assisted to bathroom, dragging one leg.
- Edema in both feet and hands appear swollen.
- She says she "is ready" when asked how she feels.
- At 10:00 A.M. Corbett is called to request an egg shell bed because of incontinence and he called back at 2:30 P.M.
- The Quarterly Care Plan was rewritten to show extreme deterioration in the past week. Ate one half of her supper. See B-11, B-30 and B-31.

1986, late October or early November -

- Dennis Briguet rents the Duchene family home out over the objections of Mary Jane and Pat Gallagher, to friends of his, a family named Fleming.
- The lease is signed by Jane Duchene whose signature is very deteriorated, suggesting that it was signed after Jane began to suffer from ketoacidosis, that is after 10/23/86, but is dated in different handwriting, for November 18, 1986.
- This means that Mary Jane will also have a problem with accommodation if she attempts to return to assume the role of guardian of her mother and to see to her own and her mother's affairs.

1986, late October - Medical/Legal:

- David Duchene calls Mary Jane and Pat Gallagher and is hysterical about Jane's

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condition and tells Mary Jane to come home and do something. He is concerned that Jane is being left without clean clothes, he did the laundry. Verified by correspondence with Dave Duchene and Pat Gallagher's notes.

- He says he does not know why there's been such a sudden deterioration in Jane's condition.
- Mary Jane explains the adversarial and threatening position of Dakota County to Dave and that, according to her attorney Pat Gallagher, she can do little if she is not her mother's legal guardian.
- Mary Jane then calls and continues to call Pat Gallagher to have legal proceedings regarding guardianship escalated given Dave's concerns.
- Mary Jane instructs Pat Gallagher to file a complaint of apparent abuse of a Jane Duchene with Dakota County authorities.

Mary Jane is very suspicious but she does not have an explanation for this sudden deterioration in her mother's condition.

1986, October 28 - Jeanne Menard, Head Nurse from Wedgewood nursing home:

- sends a memo to Dr. Corbett about Mary Jane's reports to all parties regarding the outcome of scientific mental status and other testing,
- reports Mary Jane's demand for an autopsy by telephone and via her attorney and send notes about these matters to Ken Reichstadt, Dakota County Social Worker. See B-49.

1986, October 29 - Medical:

- Blood sugar readings are HHH at 6:00 A.M. At 4:00 P.M.
- Jane is observed to be dehydrated.
- At 8:00 P.M. Jane continues to be dehydrated although she is taking fluids well.
- Total Care for Jane order because of deteriorated status. See B-11 and B-12.

1986, October 30 - Medical:

- Blood sugar readings are 397 at 6:00 A.M.
- Roger Krause informed of status and of availability of Clinitron bed needed because

of incontinence.

- Corbett telephone with request for order. See B-43.
- Financial issues regarding the Clinitron bed transpire with the Krauses, Medicare, PHP insurers and Corbett;- over the next couple of days. See B-12, B-13 and B-14. THE DAILY PATIENT CARE RECORDS SHOW THAT JANE DUCHENE BECAME INCONTINENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INSULIN ORDERS OF 10/23/86, AND THAT SHE WAS NOT INCONTINENT BEFORE THAT DATE. SEE B-35, B-36 AND B-34.

1986, October 30 - RE: Ken Reichstadt, Dakota County Vulnerable Adult Worker:

- Ken Reichstadt sends memo to Dennis Briguet about investigations he has been doing regarding the personnel records at Wedgewood.
- He has found out Louise Erickson is the mother in law of Dave Duchene who is helping Mary Jane.
- He is concerned that Louise has access to Jane's medical records and Jane and that she will do "anything if the cause is right".
- He said there were reports she had not followed administrative decisions of nursing home in the past.
- Verified by memo found in Briguet's records by Stan Zahorsky, probate attorney hired by Mary Jane. The document should have been in Jane's vulnerable adult file but was not.

1986, October 31 - Roger and Bessie Krause at Wedgewood because of finances concerning the Clinitron bed. Jane is purported to say she wants coke and Bessie says she will bring some the next day. See B-13.

1986, November 3 - Legal:

- Vulnerable Adult social worker, from the Minnesota Department of Health, Nursing Home Investigations Division, named Thorsen attended to investigate complaints by Mary Jane and Pat Gallagher. See B-14 and B-52.
- The investigation involves no mention of problems with ketoacidosis consequent to the insulin orders of Dr. Corbett. The nurses progressively write less about the blood sugar levels in progress notes, after this investigative visit. See B-14 through B-20. See B-33 for indication of insulin needed via sliding scale and B-29.

1986, November 3 -

- Mary Jane calls Ken Reichstadt and begs him to stop whatever is being done to her mother. She assures him she will take no action against the county for the harm done to her and her mother. Reichstadt ignores Mary Jane. Verified by vulnerable adult file.
- Mary Jane continues to be in close telephone contact with Pat Gallagher in an effort to resolve legal situation around the guardianship of her mother. Verified by Pat Gallagher's notes, copies of letters, affidavits and testimony by Gallagher.

1986, November 5 - Nurse Thul places call to Dr. Corbett. She is Nursing supervisor for the days. She wants:

- clarification of DNR order. See B-15.
- Corbett issues order for Comfort Measures Only;- see B-44.
- A late entry for skilled care now (dated out of sequence for October 31, 1986 is also entered after the comfort and dignity orders.

1986, November 12 - States Jane shows symptoms of air hunger, breathing difficulty and congestion;- significant dyspnea which continues until Jane becomes comatose around 11/17/86. See B-16, B-18, B-19 and B-20.

1986, November 13 - Reichstadt visited. See B-16.

1986, November 14 - Reichstadt visited again with DNS, Medical/Legal:

- Asked Jane if she wanted to stay at Wedgewood to die or go to hospice. See B-18.
- Reichstadt conducts no investigation of insulin orders or discontinuation of insulin done. No mention of discontinuation of insulin made at any time for any investigation done.
- This same day it is noted that Jane weighs 68 lbs., showing a weight loss of over 14 lbs since 10/23/86, and orders are given by Dr. Corbett to discontinue weighing. See B-44.

1986, November 18 - Medical/Legal:

- Jane remains comatose.
- All insulin, medications, glucometer discontinued by order of Corbett . See B-44, B-20 and B-19.

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- David Duchene visits Jane and tells Mary Jane later that she looked like an Auschwitz victim.
- Bessie Krause visits.
- In Bessie's deposition in 1987 she states that she spoke with Jane and that Jane was concerned that Roger had a will so that Bessie would be OK. Bessie stated that Jane told her how grateful she was for all Bessie had done, and this came "out of the blue".

1986, November 19 - Medical/Legal:

- Jane dies at 4:10 A.M. See B-20.
- Dr. Corbett's office called with a request for permission to release the corpse to a funeral home; and his partner, Dr. Daly answered and told nurse Ford to "drop dead and go with the body".
- Permission for release obtained from Mary Wanpress, staff physician. See B-20 and B-44.

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1986, November, 19 - Legal:

- Lawyers contact with nursing home is inundating.
- Mary Jane's attorney Gallagher is called, although he cannot continue to represent her as he expects to be called as a witness.
- Susan Flint from Oakes and Knatz called to demand autopsy.
- Briguet called concerned about autopsy.
- Corbett called concerned about autopsy and requesting a copy of the report when done. See B-17.
- Susan Flint makes arrangements for autopsy and Dr. Plunkett is somehow elected to do the autopsy. Verified notes from Oakes and Knatz.

1986, November 19 up to August, 1987 - Legal:

- Ken Reichstadt, Dakota County Vulnerable Adult worker, begins contacting all parties who might have authority over investigation of Jane Duchene's death, including but

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not limited to:

- ◇ Dr. Plunkett,
- ◇ the Lawyer's Board,
- ◇ the Board of Medical Examiners,
- ◇ Office of Health facility Complaints.

- The express purpose of this contact is to thwart an investigation that might take place by Mary Jane Duchene's complaint or request. Verified in Jane Duchene's Vulnerable Adult File, ordered released to Mary Jane by the county on August 14, 1987 and other evidence such as depositions and correspondence.

1986, November 20 - Briguet calls West St. Paul Police and Ken Reichstadt, verified on his invoice. This raises the question of why such calls were made.

1986, November 21 - Medical/Legal:

- Jane Duchene's body is embalmed before the autopsy is done.
- Later inquiries state that Dr. Plunkett Okayed this. Dr. Plunkett refuses to confirm or deny this. Verified in correspondence from West Funeral Home.

1986, November 22 - Dr. John Plunkett, who is also Dakota and Scott County Coroner does autopsy on embalmed body at about 7:30 A.M. and he provided a pathology report. See B-55 through B-58. No standard autopsy report is provided.

1986, November 23 - Legal:

- Mary Jane Duchene returns to the USA to make funeral arrangements
- She stays with Michael Daddario and his wife because her family home is illegally rented out. Verified by affidavit of Michael Daddario.

1986, November 26 approximately - Legal

- Dennis Briguet and the Krauses start probate proceedings to claim on the will signed by Jane Duchene on 07/02/86.
- Mary Jane is immediately drawn into this legal conflict and has no opportunity for a normal grieving.

1986, November 22 onward - Legal

- Dr. Plunkett inundated by calls from attorneys, which included but were not limited to:
 - ◇ Dennis Briguet

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- ◇ Pat Gallagher
- ◇ Oakes and Knatz
- ◇ attorneys for Dr. Corbett

- Dr. Plunkett is suspicious about Jane Duchene's death because she is so emaciated and dehydrated. There is no indication that he read the Wedgewood records that relate the story of insulin discontinuation by two thirds on October 23, 1986 and the aftermath of that.
- Ken Reichstadt is given control of selecting documentation for Dr. Plunkett to review.
- Under the Minnesota Vulnerable Adult Law, and other Minnesota Laws governing autopsy investigations, investigation of Jane Duchene death is mandatory for Dr. Plunkett as coroner, because he observes it to be suspicious.

1986, November 28 - Victor Corbett signs Jane Duchene's death certificate.

1986, December 01 - Legal:

- Jane Duchene buried at Fort Snelling Cemetery next to George Duchene, a veteran. Funeral Services, visitation and reception at the Faith Methodist Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota; with Pastor Ruhnke performing the service.
- The Krauses did not attend the funeral , service or reception.

1986, late December - Mary Jane Duchene hires Anthony Dana to represent her as she is unhappy with the way Oakes and Knatz are handling the probate and the issues regarding the house. Oakes and Knatz seem to have be approached this case in a fearful manner, being more concerned about possible problems for themselves than the escalation of legal matters to horrific proportions.

1986, December 24 - Mary Jane returns to Denmark to be with her fiancé Alan Johannesen for Christmas. The holiday is bleak because of the problems in the USA.

1987, mid January - Legal:

- Mary Jane Duchene receives pathology report from Dr. Plunkett and begins to study this.
- She suspects foul play and tries to discover just what was done to cause such a sudden death of Jane Duchene.
- The only thing she can notice on the autopsy report that she hadn't been informed of was that chemotherapy had been interrupted because Jane's hair had begun to grow

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- Mary Jane Duchene wrote to the Dakota County Attorney and stated she suspected foul play by medical means.
- Mary Jane did not receive the Wedgewood records until about April of 1987 and did not notice the insulin withdrawal of 10/23/86 until about late April of 1988, after the probate trial was over, in 1987.

DEATH OF ROGER KRAUSE 2/1/87

1987, February 01 - Roger Krause dies at Colonial Acres Nursing Home. His death is listed as caused by pancreatic cancer, on his death certificate, signed by Burton S Schwartz, M.D. on February 03, 1987. The death certificate is filed on February 04, 1987. No autopsy done. SEE B-61.

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