

Elder Abuse Evidence Collection Checklist

Medical Records

Emergency room	□ X-rays
□ Treating physician(s)	□ Social workers' notes
□ Nursing facilities	\Box Adult Protective Services (APS) records of current & prior contacts
Pharmacy	
Dentist(s)	
□ Prescriptions	
□ Lab reports	
□ Nurses' notes	

Legal Records

All law enforcement contacts with involved parties and witnesses, including:

- Physical inventory checklist (Elder Abuse First Responder Checklist)
- □ 911 tapes
- □ Arrest reports
- Criminal histories
- \Box Jail records, including:
 - Phone calls
 - Visitor logs by or on behalf of suspects

Testimony & Background Evidence

□ Psychological/psychiatric evaluation of victim (when consent, undue influence, or capacity may be an issue)

□ Victim testimony or deposition with full-cross examination, as soon as possible after charging

□ Videotape the victim at the early stage of the investigation, including the following:

- Orientation (how does the victim perceive time and place)
- Victim testifying to consent
- Victim naming identity of suspect
- Victim signing his/her name in video to compare to signature on questioned documents (financial abuse)
- Impact of crime (video record a walk-through of neglect or abuse crime scene, if possible)

Consultation with Experts

□ Handwriting analysts

□ Geriatricians

□ Forensic accountants

Medical examiner

□ Wound care experts

- □ Civil attorneys
- □ Geriatric psychologists and psychiatrists



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Interviews

□ Witnesses who can describe the victim's condition, activities, and level of functioning and interaction with the defendant at time of incident and before. Describe changes over time.

Possible witnesses:

- · Family and friends
- Acquaintances/social
- Banking/financial
- Medical providers (prior and current)
- Hair stylists/barbers
- Faith community
- Local businesses
- Neighbors
- Adult day care services

Financial & Legal Records

- Social services (Meals on Wheels, etc.)
- Adult Protective Services
- Payees for expenses the suspect paid with the victim's money
- Civil attorneys
- Delivery personnel
- Postal carriers
- Meter readers
- Investment account records
 Prior civil cases

 Investment account records
 Court/protection orders

 Credit reports
 Wills and trusts

 Suspect's bank records
 Property deeds

 Victim's bank records
 Conveyances

 Checkbook registers
 Advanced care directives/living wills

 Powers of attorney
 Guardianship/conservatorship documents

Physical Evidence

Crime scene photos and video, including, if relevant:			
\Box Suspect's living area	\Box Defendant's and victim's ISP records		
□ Victim's living area	\Box Defendant's computer, flash drives, etc.		
\Box Major new purchases made by the suspect	□ Legal file from victim's civil attorney		
□ Victim's body	\Box Assistive devices (or lack thereof)		
\Box Injuries over time	□ Nutritional supplements		
\Box Other signs of neglect	□ Receipts for purchases		
□ Clothing victim was wearing at time of incident (include undergarments if applicable)	□ Restraints and bindings		
	Checkbooks, check registers		
	Contents of refrigerator, cupboards, medicine cabinets (include actual bottles/containers for prescriptions to show physician and pharmacy, possession and full/empty status given recommended dosage over time from the date of the last refill)		
\Box Locks on outside of doors			
□ Writings/journals/letters			
\Box Photos and videos related to conduct			

□ Address books and calendars