Elderly Abuse and Homicide of Marie-Louise Rouff

Submitted to West Tisbury Police Department

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Emanuel Pastreich (natural son)

Pending charges

- Homicide
- False imprisonment / unlawful restraint
- Kidnapping
- Assault and battery
- Elder abuse
- Financial exploitation
- Fraud and forged consent
- Unauthorized administration of medication
- Criminal negligence
- medical battery

- Insurance fraud

Marie-Louise Rouff was an artist living in Martha's Vineyard who was subject to a campaign of gaslighting and overt and covert elderly abuse and fraud for five years. She was ultimately the victim of homicide most likely carried out by the "nurses" employed by the firm Horizons Geriatrics, as part of a conspiracy to liquidate her assets that was undertaken, probably also involving a larger criminal conspiracy, on May 15, 2026.

The conspiracy was led primarily by her younger son Michael Pastreich, and his wife Stephanie Gonthier who is a professional healthcare and health insurance consultant, in cooperation with a network of shady healthcare-related operators (which a formal investigation is necessary to identify). The drive to isolate Rouff from friends and family was facilitated by a small group of people

who worked together with Michael and Stephanie in a criminal conspiracy that included psychological manipulation (gaslighting), threats, fraud, and the creation of bogus legal and medical documentation, and the rewriting of her will against her will, as part of an effort to seize control of her assets, to put her in a home (and later to have a 24-7 live-in nurse) against Rouff's wishes.

The problems began in January, 2022 when Marie-Louise Rouff's husband of 30 years Paul Levine passed away. Paul had taken care of financial issues for the most part and his loss was a great blow. Rouff's son Michael Pastreich and his wife Stephanie Gonthier stepped in immediately in the midst of her grief and took over Marie-Louise Rouff's finances. They put tremendous effort into convincing her that she must rely entirely on their expert advice, saying that Stephanie was a healthcare professional who was uniquely qualified. The did everything they could to keep her from communicate anything to her other son Emanuel concerning the decisions

being made, or consulting with anyone else. It appears that Rouff was already subject to threats at that point.

Michael, recently fired from his job at the Washington Ballet, and his wife Stephanie, were in debt and needed to get access to Marie-Louise's assets.

Michael and Stephanie immediately had Rouff dismiss her long-time lawyer who had worked with her husband Paul, Skip Martin Tomassian, and replaced him with the sleazy political operator Edmond G. Coogan. Rouff was pressured by her son not to consult with an accountant or lawyer again. A joint bank account was set up for Rouff and her son Michael was set up (the existence of which was kept secret from her other son) and a system was set up in which most of Rouff's monthly pension money was automatically transferred to Stephanie's company. The company paid Rouff's bills for her, but it NEVER provided receipts for how the money was

actually spent.

All checks were deposited in the account of Stephanie's consulting company Market Research. Market Research which then paid for all of Marie-Louise's expenses, medical, and otherwise. The exact details require a warrant and a legal request for all documentation.

When Emanuel (Marie-Louise Rouff's other son) learned about what had happened to his mother, demanded to see the receipts for the expenses paid for, Michael refused to show them to him, or to show anyone anything other than Excel files that Stephanie had made up to represent how the money was supposedly spent.

Rouff's will and testament written up by Skip Martin Tomassian was replaced by one that made the lawyer Mr. Coogan the executor, followed by Michael, with Emanuel last.

Emanuel was designated as the third executor but he was never shown a copy of the new will, or even informed about its existence. Emanuel had been much closer to his mother than his brother Michael, so he became increasingly suspicious of the odd goings on.

In the Spring of 2024, the complete lack of transparency led Rouff to ask Michael to disclose all documentation and receipts related to Marie-Louise's expenses—which he refused to do.

Emanuel discovered that medical decisions for Marie-Louise Rouff's were being made by a committee that was headed by Michael, acting like a CEO, his wife Stephanie, and a group of people selected by Michael.

This committee was supposed to help Rouff, but when Emanuel started attending the meetings it became clear the

meetings were used as a means to pressure her. The selected members of the group told Marie Louise that she was fading, suffering from dementia and should be put in a home as soon as possible.

It was a classic gaslighting effort.

Maria Clara, who had helped Marie-Louise Rouff, and her son Emanuel, were the only ones in the meetings affirming the Rouff did not suffer from dementia and that she did not wish to be put in a home.

In addition, Michael sent his daughter Meghan to live with Rouff. Mehgan's mission was to gaslight Rouff—to make sure that she took the "memory" medicine that she had been given, and to tell her every day that she was senile, could not live alone, and must go into a nursing home. In fact, Meghan was scheduled to suddenly leave in November 2024 at which time

Rouff was set to be transferred to the overpriced nursing home selected by Michael and Stephanie—a place she had repeatedly refused to move to. She never had expressed interest in the nursing home. She was pressured to enter it by her son Michael.

Emanuel, saw how Rouff was being pressured in an unethical manner, stated that it was inappropriate for his mother's money to be paid to Stephanie's for-profit company in an opaque manner. Emanuel only knew about this payment because it had been disclosed unintentionally in an email. All the rest of the financial of Stephanie's company had been hidden from him.

Emanuel requested to end the system of meetings with six people—suggesting that his mother, Michael and himself should meet regularly and that, based on their decisions, the others should be informed. Rouff agreed, but Michael refused

to accept this proposal and continued to force Rouff to participate in these psychologically coercive sessions.

When Emanuel suggested that it was inappropriate for Stephanie to use her company to handle his mother's money. Stephanie exploded, attacking Emanuel for his ignorance and interference in her affairs. She then hung up in the middle of the meeting. She refused to talk to Emanuel again Michael was about to hang up too, but Marie-Louise stopped him from doing so. After Stephanie left, the meeting continued in relatively normal manner.

Emanuel started to speaking with his mother daily about her health and finances from then on, and he tried to engage his brother, and also Beth Kramer, a friend of Marie-Louise who was arranging of all his mother's doctors' appointments. He discovered that his mother wanted to talk to him desperately, but seemed afraid to discuss anything about her finances or

healthcare.

Marie Louise made it clear that she did not want to spend time in a hospital, to take any unnecessary medicines, or to seek out anything beyond basic healthcare, anything aiming to artificially prolong her life.

Michael consistently overrode her wishes, forcing medical solutions on her, like the questionable “memory medicine,” sending Michael’s daughter Meghan live with her; Beth coordinated with Michael at the weekly meetings to tell Marie-Louise that she was losing her memory and her competence, that she was weak-when it was clearly not the case.

Michael argued that Marie-Louise was suffering from dementia and that she could no longer live alone. His statements were so exaggerated and blatantly untrue that

Emanuel felt that he had to step in. Emanuel started talking to his mother on a regular basis and it was clear that although she had lost some memory due to a series of mini strokes, she was not suffering from dementia—her confusion was rather the result of the coordinated gang stalking between those around her, the effort to gaslight her, and nothing else. None of the telltale signs of Alzheimer's were present.

Emanuel advised his mother to contact her lawyer at this time. He was surprised that in all these decisions the lawyer had never been even mentioned. His mother promised to talk to the lawyer, Mr. Coogan, but she never did, she said she would introduce the lawyer to Emanuel, but never did. She seemed to be frightened to even discuss the topic of the lawyer because Michael was pressuring her.

Emanuel eventually wrote a letter directly to the lawyer, when he finally learned his name, and received an email in response.

The exchange was friendly, but Emanuel remained deeply suspicious because it seemed that Michael was coordinating with the lawyer about everything at the same time that Michael claimed he had never met the lawyer.

Emanuel also asked Michael for copies of all bank statements and all financial transactions for his mother so that he could confirm how the money had been spent. Michael refused, even though Marie-Louise had authorized the release of the documents.

Things came to a head in July, 2024. Emanuel explained to his mother the need to see the lawyer in person and to clarify who had power of attorney, how decisions would be made, and what the role of her two sons should be.

He convinced her to see the lawyer on July 19. Mr. Coogan and Michael insisted that she bring with her Beth Kramer,

who clearly had been part of the team trying to tell Marie-Louise she was incompetent and belonged in a nursing home. That meeting was delayed by a week. It became known to Emanuel later that Michael had changed the date secretly so that he could be present when his mother saw the lawyer.

Michael kept that visit to the lawyer secret from Emanuel and kept Marie-Louise from contacting Emanuel concerning the consultation with the lawyer. He also set up a meeting the following Monday with just himself, the lawyer and Marie-Louise which he kept secret on July 20. Emanuel gave a list of topics that his mother needed to ask the lawyer about. His mother was prevented from bringing them up any of them at the meeting with the lawyer.

Michael also set up at the bank a line of credit for Marie-Louise against her house that she had never requested.

The purpose of the meeting of Michael Pastreich, Coogan and Marie-Louise Rouff, hidden from her other son Emanuel, became immediately apparent from the email that Coogan sent out afterwards, which included this wording:

“Michael and Marie-Louise just left my office a short time ago. Earlier this week I met separately with Marie-Louise and her friend Beth Kramer. It was important to note in both meetings that Marie-Louise was specific in her desire that both Beth and Michael be a part of these meetings and we were free to speak about all issues relative to her wishes and her current health conditions.”

Emanuel asked Marie-Louise Rouff about this odd statement and she said that she had never made such a statement saying that Michael had to be present at all meetings. Moreover, when she wrote an email, and called the office of Coogan in October, trying to meet with Coogan. She was refused by Mr. Coogan in both

cases. She was told that because she had supposedly said she would not meet with Coogan without Michael present, or Beth present, therefore she could not meet him alone, or with her other son. In other words, she was denied access to her own lawyer (documentation for all of this exists) by her own lawyer.

This is was a red flag for senior abuse and fraud—for Rouff had always said that she had to right to visit the lawyer as she saw fit, and that her son Emanuel should be able to meet him too. When Emanuel came to see her in October, 2024, the lawyer refused to meet with either of them, using this fabricated excuse and suggesting that because Rouff was incompetent and could not make any requests for anything on her own.

Soon after, Michael sent to Emanuel a copy of the health proxy that empowered him to make all medical decisions for his mother. He had kept the existence of this document a secret until then, as had the lawyer.

The months of August and September were extremely difficult for Marie-Louise Rouff. She was constantly subject to claims that she was losing her memory, that she could not take care of herself, and that she needed to enter assisted living (at 200,000 USD a year) as soon as possible (by her niece, Beth, Michael, and Stephanie telling).

Maria Clara stated clearly that Marie-Louise should have the right to choose her own future, and to refuse medical treatment and live her life in her home. That led to a conflict with Beth who was pushing Rouff to enter the home.

The situation got worse. Michael took Marie-Louise to see the assisted living facility Atria even though Marie-Louise did not want to go and that trip was kept secret from Emanuel. Rouff looked around the facilities, but said clearly that she did not wish to live there.

Michael started insisting that Marie-Louise should try staying there for a week. Concrete plans were made for Meghan to leave Martha's Vineyard in November (thus rendering Marie-Louise alone and thereby justifying her institutionalization) and for Marie-Louise to try living at Atria for one week after Thanksgiving. A reservation was even made for her stay and a van reserved to move her belongings.

Emanuel called up Atria himself (as they refused to respond to any of his emails) and asked about the reservation for his mother made by his brother. He was told that it was not possible to make a reservation for one week—the minimum was three weeks and not cheap.

At the same time Greg Levine, Paul's son, came to visit Marie-Louise for a week. He was so disturbed by what he witnessed that he called up Emanuel. He said that when he

was there with her, she was very optimistic and happy, but that she grew dark and frightened as soon as Michael arrived. Moreover, Michael told Greg that he did not plan to take his mother to assisted living for a week, but rather to have her move their permanently. He had deceived her. He also said that he planned to use power of attorney to sell of her house and use the money to pay for all expenses without his mother's permission.

All of this was kept secret from Marie-Louise.

Then Michael made an appointment for Marie-Louise Rouff to see a neurologist at Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Dr. Nicole Absar on September 24, 2024. It was not clear at all why she needed to see a neurologist in the first place.

Marie-Louise was subject to a series of tests and examinations by Dr. Absar of questionable value. There is a copy of this

unprofessional and inaccurate medical assessment conducted for the sole purpose of establishing a paper trail for dementia. Dr. Absar wrote up an evaluation that declared that Marie-Louise was suffering from Alzheimer's, stating that she had serious cognitive problems and suggesting that she could not care for herself. When Emanuel read through the diagnosis it was clear to him that it was not scientific and that it intentionally confused Alzheimer's disease with the results of the series of micro strokes that Marie-Louise has suffered over the years which affected her ability to recall specific events or words, but had no impact on her cognition, self-awareness, or decision making.

Marie-Louise Rouff was entirely capable of recalling conversations from an hour ago, or a day ago; she knew who she was and who other people were, and she could process complex information without any problem. The entire medical diagnosis by Absar was a fraud, medical malpractice

with malign intention.

Michael took this medical evaluation and used it as a justification for his argument that she must be placed in a nursing home, Atria, at considerable expense.

Michael mailed a copy of this medical evaluation, illegally and without Marie-Louise's agreement, to the lawyer Coogan. When Coogan received this letter, he used it as further evidence that he could not meet with Marie-Louise at all because she was incompetent.

All the groundwork had been laid to put Marie-Louise into the assisted living facility and sell of her home. Maria Clara, the only person supporting Rouff at that point, could do nothing more. Emanuel decided to drop everything and fly out to live with his mother for (ultimately 6 weeks) from October 16.

The first week or so Marie-Louise was too traumatized to talk about much of anything with Emanuel and she seemed to believe she was incompetent because she had been gaslighted for a year. She was afraid to talk about any of the medical or financial issues—seeming to be afraid of Stephanie. After a few weeks, however, she regained confidence. She spoke of her concerns about the lawyer Coogan's actions. She then sent Coogan an email requesting a meeting. He wrote back to say he was not allowed to see her according to her request that Michael must be present. She called his office to schedule a meeting. The secretary made the appointment, but then Coogan emailed her to cancel it for the same reasons. At that point, Marie-Louise agreed that it would be best to have a lawyer who she could trust and was willing to talk to her.

After a month, Emanuel arranged for her to meet with her original lawyer Skip Tomassian.

Tomassian agreed to be her lawyer again, showed her the original will he had written for her (which was far more appropriate to her needs) and said he would call Coogan up and tell him that he would be handling the case.

Four days later, however, Tomassian wrote back and said, without any explanation, that he could no longer have Marie-Louise as a client. It is not clear what exactly transpired, but it seemed as if Tomassian had been pressured by third parties.

Emanuel tried to get access to Marie-Louise's financial records and have a professional accountant go through all of them to make sure that all money was accounted for. Marie-Louise was oddly hesitant to let him see the files, afraid that it might cause some conflict with his brother Michael if Emanuel discovered anything improper. She did agree to allow Maria Clara to start making a record of all financial

transactions—however Maria Clara also ran into problem trying to keep financial records because much of the money had been transferred to Michael's bank account and there were no receipts for the payments.

Emanuel discovered that his mother was not able to stop the medical service from Horizons Geriatrics even though she did not want the services and the services were expensive. Rouff asked for the service stop, but it could not be stopped. Michael and Mr. Coogan refused all of her requests.

Also, Rouff was forced to take the memory medication that had negative side effects, even though she did not desire it. Michael remained in control of her finances through the joint bank account with her that he had established, making financial decisions without her approval.

Emanuel was frustrated that when over the next three months

he tried to have a legal document written up that protected his mother from unnecessary trips to the hospital and non-essential medicines, thus honoring his mother's own requests. The simple request was rejected and his mother was pressured to not adopt such a legal document because it would interfere with the plans being made for her.

Marie-Louise Rouff had another meeting with the neurologist Dr. Absar on November 18th which Emanuel attended. The meeting was extremely unusual. First, Michael insisted that he had to be linked in via Zoom to attend the meeting, even though Emanuel had never been able to attend any such meetings (and the practice is virtually unheard for doctors). Michael's only question during the meeting, "Is my mother capable of living alone?" To which Absar responded that she absolutely was not capable of living alone.

Emanuel asked Dr. Absar questions about the memory

medication, which has serious side effects and has not been proven to improve memory. Absar drew a chart with zero data or references indicating how it improved memory. Absar became visibly irritated when Emanuel asked further questions, attacking Emanuel for talking about things he did not understand as an outsider non-professional. Emanuel then asked about her previous diagnosis of his mother, the one in which she assumed the results of a micro stroke were equivalent to Alzheimer's. He asked her to provide peer review articles confirming that assumption that strokes and Alzheimer's were the same, or even similar. Absar went into a rage, yelling at Emanuel for five minutes.

Emanuel stayed on into December. By the end, Marie-Louise had regained confidence, established good relations with her neighbors and cancelled the planned stay at the assisted living facility Atria of her own free will. She was confident and happy living by herself, in defiance of the advice of the doctor

and her son Michael, she was fine living alone. Her friends stopped by every day.

Emanuel's interactions with the Lawyer Mr. Coogan came to an end on December 3, 2025. Emanuel Pastreich wrote to Mr. Coogan concerning the medical report by Dr. Absar that declared that Marie-Louise was suffering from Alzheimer's. He asked Mr. Coogan two things: 1) instructions as to the proper procedure for submitting to the hospital a letter questioning the scientific basis for a medical diagnosis and formally requesting that the report be destroyed; 2) request that Mr. Coogan destroy the copy of the medical report that he had received because it had been given to him illegally, without permission from Marie-Louise, and the content was scientifically inaccurate.

Mr. Coogan responded to Emanuel's email by saying that the medical report was entirely legitimate and that Emanuel had

insulted him by making such a request. He stated that he would no longer correspond in any format with Emanuel directly. This response made it clear that Coogan was also an essential part of the conspiracy.

Emanuel was blocked from doing anything to help his mother at that point, even though his mother had actively sought his help and his advice. Coogan refused to interact with Emanuel or Marie-Louise.

The only thing that Emanuel could do from Tokyo was to try to get his mother to change the medical proxy from Michael (who was far away and unreliable) to Paul's daughter Mathea who was nearby and more reliable, and to change power of attorney from Michael at the time to Greg Levine (Paul's son who was more balanced and thoughtful).

Marie-Louise agreed readily to this plan and Michael also

agreed.

Implementation, however, was not easy. Marie-Louise was told by the lawyer again she could not see the lawyer by herself. She had to be accompanied by Beth who reported to Michael—and never spoke with Emanuel. Michael appears to have been involved in all the discussions concerning legal matters. He did everything he could to exclude Emanuel from all discussions of her legal status in spite of Marie-Louise's requests.

Marie-Louise visited the lawyer's office with Beth in the Spring of 2025, Coogan agreed to make Mathea the health proxy.

He told her, however, that Greg could not have power of attorney because he lived too far away. There was no legal justification for this position whatsoever. Coogan insisted

that Marie-Louise give him power of attorney immediately, something she had never suggested or wanted. She was forced to sign the document right there giving Coogan power of attorney because he threatened her, and he never met with her again—refusing all communication.

In spite of all these frustrations, Marie-Louise managed to live alone from December, 2024 until August, 2025 just fine, taking walks by herself, meeting her friends, and caring for herself. She was not, however, in control of her finances and Michael set up a loan against her home in secret.

Maria Clara played a critical role in this process, making sure Rouff's basic needs were taken care of, but Marie-Louise also became much more resilient and self-sufficient after she was no longer subject to the constant interference of Meghan, and also of Michael. Michael, it turned out, had to spend a large amount of time France and Ireland and could no longer

interfere so easily.

The situation shifted in August, 2025 when Michael returned to the United States for an extended period of time.

Marie-Louise Rouff was taken to the emergency room by her friend Kanta on August 8 after fainting during exercise class. Records from the hospital do not indicate that anything serious took place. She may have suffered a minor stroke, but even that is not clear.

Michael visited Marie-Louise and started making new arrangements for her care soon after. Exactly what was discussed with Marie-Louise, Beth, and Mathea is unclear.

Maria Clara had been the only one standing up for Marie-Louise's basic rights and questioning the drive to institutionalize her. It was true that Maria Clara had to take

care of her own family, but may be that the environment became so unpleasant she was forced out.

Maria Clara recommended her friend Tamara Morillo who continued to advocate for Marie-Louise.

Michael stayed with Marie-Louise and took her to the emergency room again on August 15 for feinting, again in violation of her request that there not be any unnecessary medical intervention.

The critical shift came on August 24 when Marie-Louise went to exercise class and her friends noticed that she was leaning towards her left side (or that was the report). It seems that she suffered yet another micro stroke. The damage was not serious as she was fully erect and able to walk straight the following day, and was able to take her daily walk around the park within a few days.

She was taken to the hospital, subject to a series of unnecessary tests that wore her out, and forced to spend the night as well.

The Hospital report was as follows:

“95 y.o. female presents with listing to the L side while walking. Pt sts symptoms on and off x1wk. more specifically she had the symptoms about a week ago, and then yesterday and then again today. LKW last night, has had the symptoms all day so far today. She states that she feels like she is leaning to the left when she walks and that other people have noticed that she is listing to that side. Denies any falls denies any pain. Notes that the symptoms seem to maybe correlate with life stress associated with her son who is in Japan and she is worried about him.”

Tamara said that she had been told that the doctor had stated that Marie-Louise could no longer live alone. There is no such statement in the medical report and Marie-Louise herself made no such request.

An active effort was made to exclude her son Emanuel from all discussions concerning her illness and the treatment—in spite of Rouff's requests that Emanuel be included. Emanuel was not notified by any of the caretakers, or the medical proxy Mathea, when his mother was taken to the hospital. He was not allowed to speak to his mother. That was in spite of what Marie-Louise said at the hospital according to the hospital records:

"The symptoms seem to maybe correlate with life stress associated with her son who is in Japan and she is worried about him."

She was unable to contact her son Emanuel for the next four days. She asked Tamara to help, because no one else would. Tamara did not have the phone number and Marie-Louise did not have her phone. Tamara wrote to the health proxy Mathea, but she never responded. Finally, Tamara was able to get the number from Maria Clara.

If Emanuel had been contacted when she was first taken to the hospital, or before, as Marie-Louise had requested, he would have demanded that her rights be upheld, he would have questioned whether the stay in the hospital was necessary, and he would without any doubt asked for documentation concerning what took place next.

Two steps were taken next by **Michael, Mathea, and Coogan** that were unethical and illegal.

First, Coogan decided, based on a medical report which in no

respect indicated that Rouff was incompetent, that she was now senile and he had full power of attorney to make all decisions for her and take over her finances. Emanuel spoke with Rouff a few days later and there was zero indication of any problem in her decision making. She was illegally stripped of her legal rights in a criminal action. Coogan made all financial decisions, refusing to tell her anything about how her money was spent, or to listen to her requests.

Second, Mathea assumed her powers as medical proxy, essentially doing what Stephanie told her to do, and stripped Rouff of all rights to make decisions concerning her health. This decision also was not based on what the doctor wrote in the report.

The next step was to assign a nurse to live with Rouff 24-7 at her home, against her will. Rouff was told, as was Emanuel later, that the hospital had said it could not release Rouff

unless she had a live-in nurse. There is no evidence that the hospital ever made such a statement, or that the hospital even has the authority to make such a statement.

The live-in nurse, working for Horizons, the corrupt company connected with Stephanie's business, refused to tell Rouff how much she was being charged, and she was never told again anything about her finances. It is likely that the charge was 12,000 to 15,000 per month. The nurse was not a trained nurse at all, but prison guard who kept Marie-Louise from interacting with other people.

Emanuel called Marie-Louise on September 1. He learned that she had no control of her finances, or of medical decision. She was held illegally as a prisoner in her own home.

Moreover, the live-in nurse, following orders from the lawyer

Coogan, was abusive of Rouff, kept her from speaking with her son Emanuel (by playing loud music when they tried to speak on the phone), ordered her around, and would not allow her to speak with visitors without carefully monitoring what was said. She was not there to take care of Rouff, but to monitor and control her.

Emanuel tried to undo the damage done by formally questioning the medical justifications for the actions taken to illegally restrict Rouff's actions and to hold her in confinement against her will. All that he needed was for his mother to authorize him to speak with the hospital. She had authorized him do to do repeatedly, but the hospital did not recognize this fact.

Eventually, after great effort, Emanuel had the hospital send a form that authorized him to speak with the hospital (about whether the diagnosis of dementia was accurate, whether

there was due cause to give power of attorney to the lawyer, and whether there was due cause to give medical proxy power to Mathea). When the letter arrived for Rouff to sign, however, the nurse, Bernadette, openly threatened her, saying that "they say they will take action against you if you do that." Which Emanuel overheard.

It was clear to Emanuel that his mother was subject to threats and intimidation and unable to discuss any significant issues. When visited by friends, Bernadette interfered to make sure that she did not discuss any significant issues.

Emanuel continued his efforts to help his mother by talking to her on the phone regularly (although the nurse frequently interrupted) and asking Tarama and Maria-Clara to visit her.

Emanuel made a formal report by phone, by email, and as a letter to the West Tisbury Police Department at this time.

Final Days:

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Marie-Louise Rouff told her son Emanuel on the phone that her son Michael had suddenly announced that he would sell her house. Michael did not suggest what would become of Marie-Louise after the house is sold. Marie-Louise Rouff had been told by Michael that everything was financially sound up until that moment. She was shocked to hear that her home had to suddenly be sold.

Emanuel spoke with her on Thursday, May 7 and she said to him that she feared for her safety and asked that Emanuel to find someone who could help her, indicating that her friend Kanta could help. Emanuel tried to reach Kanta, who never actually stopped by to see Marie-Louise, but called her on the phone. Emanuel also called the West Tisbury Police Department which sent an officer to Rouff's house to check

up on her.

On Friday, May 8, Emanuel spoke with his mother who asked him emphatically to not call the police about her, insisting that she was fine and there was no problem. She was clearly frightened by various threats.

Emanuel tried to call his mother repeatedly the following day, and on Sunday, Mother's Day, but he could not reach her.

On Monday, May 9, Emanuel received this email from Michael

------- Forwarded Message -------

From: michaelrpastreich@gmail.com <michaelrpastreich@gmail.com>

Date: On Monday, May 11th, 2026 at 22:41

Subject: Update on Maman

To: EPastreich@Protonmail.com <EPastreich@Protonmail.com>

Emanuel,

Maman had a fall this weekend in the bathroom and fractured her hip and one of her thoracic vertebrae. She was admitted to the hospital so that they could manage her pain which is pretty acute.

Maman was moved from palliative hospice care to full hospice care a few weeks ago. She is now in what's called in-patient hospice which means she's receiving hospice care inside the hospital. Right now, she is in such a high degree of pain that they do not feel comfortable transferring her home so she will continue to be in-patient hospice until she can go home and

receive hospice services at home.

We should know more today but as of now the focus is on keeping her as comfortable as possible with the hope that she'll recover enough that we can get her home.

She is in significant pain and the doctors have increased her pain medication considerably. This means she will be much more comfortable but that she may not be very cognizant if you reach out.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything you would like for me to do.

Love,

Michael

Emanuel was unable to reach his mother directly again.

On Tuesday, May 10, he received this email

From: Michael Pastreich <michaelrpastreich@gmail.com>

Date: On Tuesday, May 12th, 2026 at 7:23

Subject: Please call me when you have a moment

To: Dr. Emanuel PASTREICH <epastreich@protonmail.com>

> Emanuel,

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> It appears likely that Maman will not live more than a few days at most and you and I should discuss our plans.

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> Michael Pastreich

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On Thursday, May 21, Michael sent Emanuel this Whatsapp message;

"Maman passed. My sense is that her life has finally come to a point where she was losing control, so she decided it was time to move onto the next one. We are bringing her back to the house tonight, and will bury her as soon as the hole has been dug in the morning."

The fall in the bathroom and the rapid decline in her health took place, suspiciously, at precisely the moment that Michael told her that the house had to be sold, combined with Rouff's explicit statements about fearing for her safety, give more than sufficient grounds for treating this death as a homicide.

Key figures

And Institutions

People

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Marie-Louise Rouff (Mother and victim of elderly abuse and homicide)

96 year old artist in good health

Michael Pastreich (younger son of Marie-Louise Rouff who took steps to take full control of his mother's assets and place her in a nursing home, then use power of attorney to sell off her home so as to enrich himself) wif**e is Stephanie Gonthier**

Stephanie Gonthier (wife of Michael Pastreich) healthcare consulting expert who masterminded the entire project to put Marie-Louise in a nursing home and seize her assets, and who arranged for the shady homecare by **Horizons Geriatrics**. Her

consulting firm is called **Market Street Research.**

Emanuel Pastreich older son of Marie-Louise Rouff who lives in Japan and was intentionally excluded from all discussions concerning his mother's care. He was the only one who demanded documentation and that his mother's wishes be followed.

Meghan Pastreich (daughter of Michael Pastreich) was sent to live with Marie-Louise Rouff until December, 2024 and worked to gaslight her and undermine her confidence.

Maria Clara Villota (woman hired to care for Marie-Louise Rouff who took a deep interest in her situation and fought heroically to keep her from being put in a home)

Tamara Morillo (woman who replaced Maria Clara Villota and who took a great interest in defending Marie-Louise's basic rights)

Kanta Lipsky (good friend of Marie-Louise Rouff who met her on weekends)

Beth Kramer (close friend of Marie-Louise Rouff, who suddenly changed her behavior in the summer of 2024, encouraging her to go into a nursing home in collusion with Michael and Stephanie)

Mathea Morais (Paul's daughter who took over as health proxy in April, 2025. She refused to recognize the illegality of the actions taken against Rouff)

Greg Levine Paul's first son who was supposed to have power of attorney but suddenly said he could not at the last minute in May, 2025. Greg had originally tried to defend Rouff's rights, but later was intimidated and fell silent.

Jason Levine (Paul's second son who lives in Paris. He played no role)

Paul Levine (deceased husband) passed away January 25, 2022

PROFESSIONALS

Skip Martin Tomassian (originally Marie-Louise Rouff and Paul Levine's lawyer who was replaced by Coogan following Michael's manipulations. Emanuel Pastreich tried to get Tomassian to take Marie-Louise Rouff as his client again, which Marie-Louise Rouff wanted. Tomassian first said yes, took the initial first steps to represent her, then suddenly rejected her without explanation)

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Market Street Research

Consulting firm run by **Stephanie Gonthier and associates**

(this company acted as agent for Marie-Louise without her full understanding from 2022)

Martha's Vineyard Hospital (primary medical facility which oversaw Marie-Louise Rouff's care.

Medical-

Dr. Donahue (MVH): 508-693-3164

Primary Care

Dr Nicole Absar, Neurologist

(Dr Absar was guilty of unethical and criminal activity. She created an unscientific diagnosis of Marie-Louise stating that she was suffering from Alzheimer's, that she could not care for herself which was used to justify institutionalization)

Horizons Geriatrics Care Management

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Extremely expensive home treatment program that Marie-Louise Rouff that was enrolled in against her wishes by Stephanie Gontier

in August, 2025, and was responsible for the mysterious “fall” that led to her death.

The “nurse” Bernadette was responsible for her care.