

Hidden camera shows senior being hit, daughter alleges

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A woman alleges that a hidden camera captured images of her elderly father being abused and neglected before his death at a residential-care home in the B.C. Interior.

Judy Sellin said she installed a hidden video camera in the room of her 90-year-old father, Stephen Piccolo, after he told her that staff at the facility in Kamloops were treating him roughly and hitting him.

Sellin said she has 49 hours of videotape she alleges shows neglect, and an incident when her father was hit in the stomach.

"You see the left hand come down, you hear the smack, it was a hard blow," she says. "For refusing medication, and you are administered a blow? The government needs to see this."

Sellin, who is president of a seniors advocacy group called Elderly Liberation Movement Society, said she complained to the Interior Health Authority but was ignored.

However, the health authority's chief operating officer, Al Martin, said he's upset the Sellin family still has not shown him the video evidence.

The health authority launched an investigation on Tuesday.

Sellin is suing the health authority for abuse and neglect, while it's launched a countersuit.

As well, three aides at the Overlander Residential Care facility have sued Sellin for defamation and invasion of privacy.

The health authority has also obtained a ban on publication so the video cannot be shown to the public.