

# Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

## Patrick Matheny: Vulnerable Patients are at Risk of Coercion

*"We do not know exactly how he helped this person swallow, whether it was putting a feeding tube down or whatever, but he was not prosecuted..."*

After receiving a lethal prescription of assisted suicide drugs via Federal Express, Patrick Matheny's brother-in-law helped him take the drugs. It is unknown whether Matheny was coerced into "ingesting" the drugs.

Ten percent of older persons (sixty and older) are abused every year in the United States. Not every person has a loving family and assisted suicide puts those people at risk of deadly harm.

