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Public Trustee turns to NSW Police over SBS show The Feed

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SBS and a forensic cleaning company are under fire from the NSW Trustee and Guardian after they filmed a current affairs story inside a dead woman's house - apparently without permission.

The trustee is liaising with NSW Police and could press charges over the segment of current affairs show *The Feed*, which was produced by Andy Park and aired on SBS on Wednesday night.



A still of forensic cleaner Lee Jordanidis from a segment aired on the SBS show *The Feed*, which is under fire from the Public Trustee.

The segment [told the story of the mysterious death of an elderly woman whose body lay undiscovered in her Auburn home](#) for months.

In the episode, the SBS camera crew follows Lee Jordanidis - the owner of a recently deregistered forensic cleaning company - through the property as she reveals details of the woman's death.

The NSW Trustee is acting as executor of the unnamed woman's will because she had no next of kin.

A spokeswoman for the agency said it had contacted NSW Police and was discussing a "whole range of criminality" stemming from the broadcast.

Trustee chief executive Imelda Dodds told Fairfax Media neither SBS nor Ms Jordanidis had permission to film within the property. She declined to rule out investigating and pursuing charges against either party.

She said the only permission Ms Jordanidis was given was to enter the property to assess the extent of the cleaning job so she could give a quote.

"The NSW Trustee and Guardian would never release any details about the deceased, her assets or her will publicly," she said.

"We have asked SBS to remove the segment but so far SBS has refused. The NSWTCG will be lodging a complaint with the Australian Communications and Media Authority on the basis of a breach of privacy," Ms Dodds said.

Ms Jordanidis, the owner of All Gone Extreme Clean, claims she was misled about the focus of the show, which she believed was to be about forensic cleaning. She said Mr Park had not returned any of her calls for weeks.

"I've sent him messages for weeks and weeks saying don't air anything and don't use anything from that lady's apartment and he's just gone ahead."

Ms Jordanidis told Fairfax Media she is heartbroken and had only shown Mr Park the apartment and diaries to give him insight into her business.

"I begged Andy not to show anything we used. I've got four of my staff, who have heard me begging him for days not to use it," Ms Jordanidis said. "I've told him the story was really nice but he used me."

SBS declined to comment on whether or not Ms Jordanidis had asked the producers not to use the footage from the house.

"SBS was invited by forensic cleaner Lee Jordanidis to film the cleaning inside the premises of a house in Sydney where an unattended death had occurred. SBS believed that Lee Jordanidis, who had been given the keys to the property by the NSW Public Trustee, was contracted to complete the clean," said a spokeswoman in a written statement.

"We have since been informed by the NSW Public Trustee that Ms Lee Jordanidis was not contracted to complete the clean, but given the keys to the property only to perform a quote. SBS was acting in good faith that Lee Jordanidis had the right and authority to complete this job."

SBS confirmed they also had access to several diaries, which Ms Jordanidis gave them.

When someone dies in NSW without any next of kin, any non-valuable belongings are thrown away.

"Ms Jordanidis allowed us to borrow some non-valuable diaries that SBS couriered back to her before the story was broadcast," the SBS spokeswoman said, adding they complied with all broadcast codes and practices in putting it to air.



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