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Trump accused of nasty tactics in battle over will: Tycoon allegedly cut nephew's severely-ill baby off medical coverage

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As New York's most flamboyant property tycoon, Donald Trump is renowned as much for his ruthlessness in business as for the skyscrapers he has built across Manhattan. But he is now being accused of turning his back on the gravely ill child of one of his nephews.

Fred Trump III, 38, whose 18-month-old son, William, suffers from a serious and rare neurological disorder, claims Donald has cancelled a company medical policy that had covered bills running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The tycoon's move, which was backed by his brother Robert and sister Maryanne, was apparently in retaliation for a legal challenge launched by Fred in March over his grandfather's will. Fred claimed too large a share of the patriarch's fortune had been left to the three most senior members of the Trump dynasty, and not enough to him. The case is likely to run well into next year at a court in the New York suburb of Queens.

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William suffers from a condition known as infantile spasms, which produces violent seizures. Almost as soon as he was born, he turned blue in his mother's arms and required constant care from a host of lung specialists, neurologists and emergency room doctors.

For the first eight months of his life he was under 24-hour supervision by nurses, running up medical bills of more than \$500,000 Cdn. The disease could lead to cerebral palsy or autism and might mean a lifetime of constant care.

Fred claims the Trump Organization, run by Donald, offered its support to the latest member of the clan as soon as the severity of the baby's condition became clear.

Robert telephoned to assure his nephew that all would be well, and a letter from the company's headquarters stipulated that all costs relating to William's condition should be paid by the Trump insurance policy regardless of whether they were deemed medically necessary.

Cosy relations between the factions of one of New York's most powerful families came to an abrupt end in March when Fred filed a legal objection to the will of his grandfather, Fred Sr., who died last year aged 93. Under its terms, the bulk of Fred Sr.'s fortune, estimated at between \$200 million and \$500 million, was split equally among his four surviving children, Donald, Robert, Maryanne and Elizabeth, who is not involved in the legal action. His grandchildren were given just \$300,000 each.

Fred III and his sister, Mary, whose father **Fred Trump** Jr. died in 1981, aged 42, claim they should be treated differently.

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They say they are jointly entitled to a fifth share of their grandfather's fortune and went to court in an attempt to obtain it, arguing that he was suffering from senile dementia when he drew up the will.

Donald, whose buildings are now so prevalent that architects talk about the "Trumpification" of New York City, is not prepared to give in without a fight. He has rejected suggestions that his father intended to give the pair special treatment and accuses them of greed.

"I have helped Fred III over the years," he said.

"That was the will of my father. But he had four children left and that is who he wanted to leave his estate to. When Fred III sued us, we asked why we should give him medical coverage."

Asked whether he viewed such an action as cold-blooded, he said: "I can't help that. It's cold when someone sues my father. Had Fred come to see me, things very possibly could have been different."

He was even more acerbic in his testimony to the court in New York.

"They live like kings and queens," he said. "These are not two people left out in the gutter."

In court papers, Robert described William's round-the-clock nurses as "highly paid babysitters," while Maryanne derided her nephew and niece as "absentee" grandchildren.

"It was so shocking, so disappointing and so vindictive," said Linda Trump, the young boy's mother, last week.

Fred III and Linda claim that they are being forced to dig deep into their own pockets to pay for William's treatment while fighting the family's powerful triumvirate in court. In the meantime, they have been learning how best to look after him.

"You have to be tough in this family," said Fred III. "These are not warm and fuzzy people.

They never even came to see William in hospital. Our family puts the 'fun' in dysfunctional."

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