

Here's some problems people in my predicament have to face:

- parent won't press charges
- fear of retribution
- feeling of guilt to send a child to jail
- feeling of guilt that the thief may lose his/her job
- maybe depends on the thief
- simply incompetent
- lack of evidence
- the abuse may be obvious, but getting proof is difficult
- fear of alerting authorities
- what if the thief is free to harass, terrorize or harm the reporter
- all accounts will be disrupted. They'll need to be closed and new ones opened.
- fear that the family may turn against the reporter and/or believe the reporter is after money for themselves
- fear of taking action as Power of Attorney
- the reality that closing accounts & redirecting mail will make the thief very angry and the parent will be caught in the crossfire.
- the situation is more difficult when the thief lives with the parent. An angry thief can make life miserable for the parent, who is simply trapped.
- it's possible the Power of Attorney will feel guilty causing the thief to lose his/her job and/or go to jail