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My dad relies on rental income to support himself in retirement, but on Aug of 23, the tenant has refused to pay rent. We even helped her apply for rental assistance, and she received two months of payments from the government. However, once that assistance ran out, she stopped paying again.

She claimed she had the right to stay because she was poor and even got a free lawyer to fight for her, while my dad had no legal support. The law seemed entirely on the tenant's side. My dad was so stressed and afraid that he couldn't sleep at night. It felt like he had no legal rights as a landlord.

Meanwhile, with no rental income, he was left struggling, worried that the tenant would never leave. After working hard his entire life and saving to buy this home for his retirement, he shouldn't have to go through this in his old age.

Who is really the victim here—the tenant or my dad?"