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## Worker in care home jailed for spraying aerosol can in dementia patient's face

A care home worker who sprayed an aerosol can in the face of a 78-year-old woman with dementia has been jailed for four weeks.

Susan Draper, 44, was filmed ill-treating Betty Boylan, a retired nurse whose family had fitted a hidden camera in her room because they were concerned about bruising.

Birmingham magistrates' court was told that Mrs Boylan had not been

physically hurt in the incident, but District Judge Ian Strongman said that a custodial sentence was necessary. Draper, who has since been dismissed from the Bupa-run Perry Locks care home in the Perry Barr area of the city, used



a can of Impulse body spray about a foot from Mrs Boylan's face. Draper, from Kingstanding in Birmingham, was found guilty of an ill-treatment offence. Footage showed Mrs Boylan coughing and gurgling after being sprayed in the face last September.