Mary Rush lay in a bed with a metal guard rail all last week. Pill bottles and a remote control were spayed on a tray across her chest.

"The Bible tells me 'Vengeance is mine' — is the Lord's — but I'm glad they got him (James Riley) so he doesn't do this to anyone else," Rush said.

Mary Rush, 67, of Zon City, was arrested Dec. 15 in a jail cell more than 500 miles away, getting acquainted with iron bars. Riley, 38, was arrested in June 2008 after he was told he needed to appear in Orleans Parish jail. He's in the Parish Prison, Jim Riley said.

"I was living in San Francisco. "Everything just went down," she said. "I thank God for Jahri Evans, No. 73, and United Way. They put all this back together for me." She was about to cross her chest. "I'm boggling," said Riley's father, California, where he lives with four roommates and a maid.

"Thank God he's not in the Orleans Parish jail. He's in the Clarke County jail, and by God that's where we want him to be," the father said.

Cannizzaro's office has not yet moved to extradite Riley to Louisiana. But if it does, Jim Riley vowed to fight it "with every breath I take, with every dollar I have in the bank."

Riley's attorney in Georgia, Miguel Debon, said he's secured affidavits from former roommates and co-workers, vouching for Riley's alibi. Debon said he's working to secure old BuBba Gump pay-roll records.

He noted that Rush pegged her victimizing contractor as a white male "about 45 or 50" years old. The James Riley who sits in jail was 30 at the time.

In the meantime, Rush awaits justice from her bed, recalling how she was duped. "When you see people and they talk about God, you just know they know God and you trust them," she said.

With her house in ruins, Rush stayed for years with family out of state. She said she would "be living under a bridge" if it weren't for offensive lineman Jahri Evans and other Saints players who came to her rescue, along with the United Way, PVOLA Build and other volunteers. She finally returned to her home in 2012.

Rush said she's suffered multiple strokes and a heart attack since the fraud and now relies on a caretaker and family members. "Everything just went down, down," she said. "I thank God for Jahri Evans, No. 73, and United Way. They put all this back together for me." She showed a photocopied image of James Michael Riley the one who sits in jail — Rush insisted that she recognized him as the one who bilked her.

"That's what he looked like. He looked just a little heavier than this. He didn't have this stuff all here," she said, running a finger across Riley's beard in the photo. "He has a little, small mustache.""Riley's family members said they don't recall him ever wearing just a mustache.

A hearing on Riley's habeas corpus petition in Georgia is scheduled for Friday.