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**Levin & Perconti Files a Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect Lawsuit
Against Glenshire Nursing Home in Richton Park, Illinois**

Chicago, IL – Levin & Perconti has filed a personal injury lawsuit on behalf of Theresa Alexander’s surviving family members. Theresa was a resident at Glenshire from February 2006 to February 2007. Levin & Perconti filed the suit in Cook County on July 31, 2008.

Theresa entered Glenshire at 22660 South Cicero Avenue in Richton Park, Illinois without any pressure ulcers. While at Glenshire, Theresa was noted to be at risk for falls and for decubitus ulcers, commonly known as bed sores. Despite these known risks, the nursing home did not care for her properly.

On August 4, Theresa fell in the nursing home. In the months following her fall, Theresa developed severe decubitus ulcers on her thighs, buttocks, lower back, and tailbone area. She also developed significant injuries to her knee from the pressure ulcers. The nursing did not implement a proper treatment plan to prevent Theresa’s pressure ulcers. In fact, Glenshire repeatedly placed Theresa in a chair for hours prior to and during dialysis without providing adequate pressure-reducing accommodation. Theresa’s pressure ulcers became so advanced that she required surgery.

Theresa underwent surgery twice for her decubitus ulcers, once on January 11, 2007 at St. James Hospital and again on March 17, 2007 at St. Margaret Mercy Health Care Center. However, Theresa’s injuries were so significant that the medical treatment could not save her. She died on March 23, 2008.

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Jeffrey Martin, a partner at Levin & Perconti, filed the case. According to Martin, “Theresa’s case shows just how important communication can be between departments and staff in a nursing home. Here, the nurses may have been aware of Theresa’s risks for pressure ulcers but they took no steps to protect her.” Martin added: “Instead of informing Glenshire’s dialysis treatment department about Theresa’s risk for pressure ulcers, the nurses seemingly handed her over to the dialysis department without a word. Theresa’s pain and suffering could have been avoided had the nurses done their job properly and communicated her pressure sore risks to their fellow staff members.”

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