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Nursing home sued over alleged negligence

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NEWS-SUN STAFF REPORT

LAKE ZURICH -- A nursing home has been accused of negligence in a suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court.

The suit against Lexington Health Care Center of Lake Zurich was filed on behalf of Edna Kneidek for injuries she suffered while a resident at the nursing home. Kneidek, 83, suffered a hip fracture at the home, leaving her permanently immobile.

According to attorney Steven Levin of Chicago, Kneidek was admitted to Lexington Health Care on Dec. 29, 2006, after living in an assisted living facility. Her daughters made the decision to move her to Lexington as her dementia progressed.

Levin said that when Kneidek was admitted to Lexington, she was assessed as being at-risk for falls. Despite her known risk for falls, the nursing home allegedly allowed her to fall five times from February through August 2007, Levin said.

One fall resulted in her being transferred to a hospital for X-rays for five days, which revealed her left hip was shattered. She was also diagnosed with pneumonia.

Soon after, Kneidek had extensive surgery to repair her hip. After leaving the hospital, her family did not take her back to Lexington.

"Edna's family trusted Lexington to care for her, but the home was negligent on a number of levels," Levin said. "The nursing home failed to properly assess Edna's risk for falls or protect her from falling. After allowing her to fall, the home did not respond to her complaints of pain or transfer her to the hospital in a timely fashion."

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