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**Levin & Perconti Settles Lawsuit Against Charleston Nursing Home and Doctor for Record \$700,000.00**  
***Nursing home and physician negligence leads to wrongful death of 43-year-old resident***

**CHARLESTON, September 14, 2009** – Prairie View Care Center in Charleston, IL and Dr. Carl Johnson recently agreed to pay a record \$700,000.00 to the family of a 43-year-old man who died from injuries he suffered while a resident at the nursing home. The settlement is the largest reported settlement against a Coles County nursing home. Steven M. Levin and Michael F. Bonamarte of Levin & Perconti in Chicago represented the victim’s family in the nursing home negligence and wrongful death case. The settlement was reached following settlement conferences between the parties and Cook County Circuit Court Judge John Ward.

The former owners of the nursing home are located in Skokie, Illinois. The former owners operate nursing home facilities all over the state. The nursing home located at 716 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Charleston, Illinois changed its name when new ownership took over in November of 2006.

Donald (Donny) McCormick Jr. was admitted to Prairie View Care Center on March 19, 2002. Donny suffered severe cognitive impairments, and was dependent on nursing home staff for all activities of daily living including, turning and repositioning and transfers. His impairments also made him unable to communicate his needs to nursing home staff. From his admission on March 19, 2002 through his discharge on May 12, 2002, Donny became severely malnourished, dehydrated and developed a massive infected Stage IV bed sore on his sacrum. The wound was so deep that Donny’s sacral bone was visible. These injuries were caused by the nursing home and doctor’s failure to provide adequate medical and personal care to Donny. His injuries lead to a decline in his overall condition and his death on November 24, 2002.

“Prairie View Care Center and Dr. Johnson both failed to prevent the progression of Donny’s sacral pressure sore, and he eventually died from complications related to his injury,” said attorney Steve Levin. “Poor care in nursing homes is a statewide problem. Anyone who has a loved one in a nursing home needs to be aware of their loved one’s rights and also needs to seek legal representation from an experienced trial lawyer when it is suspected that those rights have been violated.”

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