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**Family Files Lawsuit against Oak Park Healthcare Center**

*80-Year-Old Beaten to Death by Fellow Resident*

**CHICAGO, March 8, 2012** – Levin & Perconti filed a [Chicago wrongful death lawsuit](#) against Oak Park Healthcare Center for the family of former resident Anibal Calderon. The complaint was filed yesterday in the Circuit Court of Cook County. In February, Anibal, 80, was beaten to death by a younger resident at the facility in Oak Park. Steven M. Levin, John J. Perconti, and Michael F. Bonamarte of Levin & Perconti represent the family.

On February 12, 2012, Anibal, who had dementia, was assaulted by a 66-year-old resident with a violent criminal record and felony background. Anibal suffered a serious brain injury and died two days later. The [Oak Park nursing home lawsuit](#) alleges that the facility violated federal and state nursing home regulations by failing to protect Anibal from abuse and neglect. The complaint further alleges that the facility failed to provide Anibal with appropriate supervision and failed to employ sufficient staff to properly supervise and monitor residents. The lawsuit also alleges that the facility failed to promptly report suspected incidents of abuse and ignored complaints regarding residents and staff at the facility.

“Anibal’s case highlights the need for appropriate staffing in Illinois nursing homes,” said Steven Levin. “When nursing homes operate with minimal staff, they cannot provide the level of care needed to protect residents, especially those suffering from dementia or serious mental illness.”

“In this case, both Anibal and his assailant were left unsupervised, allowing this tragic altercation to occur,” added John Perconti. “We believe that Anibal’s death could have been prevented if he and his fellow resident were monitored by staff.”

“In the past few weeks, former employees, neighbors and residents’ families have contacted us with information surrounding the problems at Oak Park Healthcare,” added Levin. “As we proceed with this lawsuit, we hope that others will come forth to share their accounts of abuse and negligence at the facility.”

Anibal is survived by his wife, Bertha of Romeoville; a son, Robert Calderon of Texas; and a daughter, Diane Crossman of Tennessee.

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