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Family Files Nursing Home Negligence Lawsuit Against Applewood Rehabilitation Center in Matteson

CHICAGO, May 6, 2013 - The family of a deceased nursing home resident filed a [bed sore lawsuit](#) today against Applewood Rehabilitation Center located at 21020 Kostner Avenue in Matteson, Ill. The suit alleges that the resident suffered dehydration and infected bed sores as a result of nursing home negligence, and her injuries contributed to her death. The lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The resident, then 81, was admitted to Applewood in November 2011 for rehabilitation after suffering a stroke that paralyzed the right side of her body. When she was admitted, she was documented to be at risk for developing bed sores because she could not reposition herself or move around independently. Nursing home employees were required to turn her frequently to prevent her from developing bed sores. In late December, she was admitted to a local hospital due to [dehydration](#). At the hospital, staff discovered multiple pressure sores, including an infected Stage IV pressure sore on her sacrum. These injuries caused her condition to deteriorate quickly, and she passed away in January 2012.

“We thought they had my mother’s best interest at heart, but really they were neglecting her,” said the victim’s son. “I visited her every day and never saw them turn her. They also allowed her to become severely dehydrated, it was like they didn’t even care about her.”

“Applewood staff knew that our client’s mother was at risk for developing pressure sores and had a duty to reposition her frequently since she could not move on her own,” said Steven M. Levin, the family’s attorney. “Our suit alleges that once she developed bed sores, staff should have notified her physician and family and then taken steps to prevent them from getting worse. Unfortunately, staff failed to do so, and their negligence contributed to her tragic death less than a month after leaving the facility.”

“Our client’s family took action to hold the facility responsible for her death, and hope to prevent others from suffering at the hands of negligent nursing homes,” added Levin. “The risk for developing pressure sores is high for stroke victims, many of whom lose some degree of mobility after suffering a stroke. Nursing homes are aware of these risks, but oftentimes homes are understaffed and employees are stretched too thin to take all of the proper steps to prevent residents from developing pressure sores. Family members of bed or wheelchair-ridden residents should take action if they suspect that their loved ones are not being repositioned frequently. However, many families do not learn what the nursing homes *should* be doing until it is too late.”

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