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Nursing Home Negligence Lawsuit Filed Against Evergreen Healthcare Center

CHICAGO, December 18, 2008 – Steven M. Levin and Margaret P. Battersby of Levin & Perconti filed a nursing home negligence lawsuit today against Evergreen Healthcare Center, a nursing home in Evergreen Park, IL, and Boulevard Healthcare, a nursing home management company. The complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County and brought on behalf of Vania Beard for the injuries her grandmother, Samuel Lee Beard, sustained at the nursing home. The lawsuit alleges that the Evergreen failed to properly prevent, monitor and treat several pressure sores that ultimately contributed to her death on May 14, 2007 at the age of 77.

Before going to Evergreen, Samuel lived with Vania in Chicago and was mobile and independent. On February 6, 2007, Samuel suffered a stroke and was admitted to Little Company of Mary Hospital in Chicago. Three weeks later, Samuel entered Evergreen where she was assessed as being at risk for pressure sores because she was bed-bound and not moving on one side as a result of her stroke.

During her stay, the family noticed a pressure sore on Samuel's heel and notified her nurses. The staff had not been aware of the sore but began treatment and moved her to a pressure therapy mattress. Soon after, the family discovered a stage-four pressure sore on Samuel's sacrum and multiple ulcers on her heels and alerted the staff. On each occasion, it was Samuel's family, not the nursing staff, who discovered new sores.

Her sores were far advanced and her overall condition began to decline. She was taken to Little Company of Mary on April 14 and upon admission, was diagnosed with sepsis, dehydration and pneumonia. She died from these illnesses several weeks later.

“The nursing home staff failed to perform daily tasks such as turning and repositioning Samuel. There were also inconsistencies in charting and assessing the progress of the wounds. These failures led Samuel to develop pressure sores that went unnoticed until it was too late,” said Steven Levin.

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