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**Family Hires Firm to Investigate Heat-Related Death at Concord Place in Northlake**  
***Father died on the facility's rooftop during July heat wave***

**CHICAGO, August 22, 2012** – The daughter of a former resident of Concord Place Retirement & Assisted Living Community in Northlake, Ill. has retained the law firm of Levin & Perconti to investigate her father's death at the facility on July 5, 2012. 60-year-old William "Bill" Grauf, formerly of Gilberts, was found unresponsive on the facility's rooftop greenhouse, four days after the facility was fully evacuated due to a power outage caused by storms during a severe heat wave.

"Although residents were returned to the facility on Monday, July 2, the facility remained very warm, with uncomfortable conditions for several days," noted attorney Steven Levin of Levin & Perconti. "We were told that a number of residents were displaced or hospitalized with heat exhaustion during this time. After William's body was discovered on the rooftop greenhouse, the facility closed the greenhouse due to extreme temperatures."

"The facility had a duty to supervise William and provide safe living conditions for each of its residents," said Levin. "None of the staff knew where he was for at least four hours before his body was discovered. We will begin a thorough investigation of all records and reports to uncover the circumstances surrounding William's tragic death."

"I hired Levin & Perconti to help me find answers, but also to protect other residents of Concord Place who don't have someone to speak out for them," said William's daughter, Michelle Grauf of Gilberts. "I have witnessed so many injustices, and seen so many residents mistreated, and I just really want it to stop. My goal is to help the people who don't have friends or family members nearby to advocate for them. I hope that this investigation will prompt other residents or witnesses to come forward with their stories in order to raise awareness surrounding the ongoing problems at Concord Place."

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