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Levin & Perconti Files Lawsuit against Washington Heights Nursing Home

CHICAGO, October 31, 2008 – John J. Perconti of the Chicago law firm Levin & Perconti filed a lawsuit last Friday against Washington Heights Nursing Home (Chicago) and their management companies, Care Centers, Inc., Care Centers Clinical, LLC, and Care Centers Health Systems, LLC. Mr. Perconti filed the lawsuit on behalf of Delorise Dancy-Johnson (Chicago) and Charlotte Parnell (Kankakee, IL) for the injuries their father, Stanley “Ted”, Dancy sustained while a resident at Washington Heights. The injuries Ted suffered while under the nursing home’s care contributed to his death on December 12, 2007.

On September 13, 2007, Ted Dancy was admitted to Michael Reese Hospital due to confusion and mental status changes. “When he entered the hospital, he was independent and active. He lived on his own, visited with his girlfriend and liked to play cards and checkers in the community room at his building” said Delorise Dancy-Johnson, Ted’s daughter. After several days in the hospital, Ted’s doctors recommended temporarily moving him to a nursing home for rehabilitation.

Upon admission to Washington Heights, Ted showed no evidence of skin breakdown or pressure sores. However, a month after entering, he was admitted to Mt. Sinai Hospital where he was diagnosed as having four advanced-stage pressure sores, a urinary tract infection and malnourishment. He was treated at the hospital and his family made the decision to send him to a different nursing home. “There was no way that we were sending him back to Washington Heights. Unfortunately, by that time, it was too late to reverse the deterioration of his condition,” said Charlotte Parnell. Ted never recovered from the injuries he suffered at Washington Heights and he died on December 12, 2007.

“We trusted Washington Heights to rehabilitate our father, but their lack of care or concern for him was astonishing. They clearly did not do all that they could have done to try to better his condition, instead they made him much worse,” said Ted’s daughters.

Attorney John Perconti of Levin & Perconti filed the case. According to Mr. Perconti, “Ted’s family brought him to Washington Heights expecting to receive the care and rehabilitation he required after his stay in the hospital. Unfortunately, the nursing home failed to meet their expectations and provide basic care to prevent the formation and progression of pressure ulcers.”

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