



Carol Stream woman sues nursing home

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A Carol Stream woman is suing the Villa Scalabrini Nursing and Rehabilitation Center over the death of her 71-year-old father, who died following a 12-month stay at the Northlake nursing home.

Mary Dolan filed a 16-count complaint Wednesday in Cook County circuit court, claiming the nursing center was negligent in caring for her father, Giovanni Scianna.

Scianna was admitted to Villa Scalabrini in June 2005 following a stroke and remained a resident for 12 months. He died in October 2006.

During Scianna's stay, according to the lawsuit, he lost 43 pounds and developed multiple bedsores on the lower part of his body.

"This is a situation where a very close Italian family was given assurances by the staff that they had the equipment and the knowledge to take care of Mr. Scianna," said Jeffrey Martin, Dolan's attorney. "It's just horrendous what happened."

Martin claimed a change in the type and dosage amounts of medication to treat Scianna's depression helped cause the weight loss.

The suit, which also names Westlake Community Hospital in Melrose Park, claims hospital staff failed to ensure Scianna was receiving adequate nutrition or water and didn't closely monitor his skin condition during an 11-day stay in July 2006.

Both Villa Scianna and Westlake Hospital are owned by the Resurrection Health Care hospital system, which also is named in the suit.

The suit seeks in excess of \$50,000 in damages, plus attorney fees and court costs.

Brian Crawford, a spokesman for Resurrection Health Care, said the hospital system does not comment on pending litigation.