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## Lawyer: Man died in Northlake greenhouse on 103-degree day

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NORTHLAKE — The family of a man found dead in a Northlake nursing home's greenhouse during the summer's record heat wave has hired a law firm to investigate the death.

William Grauf, 60, of Gilberts was found unresponsive in the greenhouse at Concord Place Retirement and Assisted Living Community in Northlake on July 5, according to a statement from the Levin & Perconti legal firm. He was discovered in the building's rooftop greenhouse.

Grauf and the building's other residents were evacuated July 1 after power went out in the area, according to the attorneys. Residents were allowed to return July 2, though temperatures in the building remained fairly hot.

Grauf went up to the roof after lunch on July 5, and was discovered dead there about 4 p.m., attorney Steven Levin said. He estimates Grauf was up there for at least four hours before Concord employees checked on him.

Michelle Grauf, his daughter, hired Levin to investigate why her father was able to be on the roof unsupervised on such a hot day, he said.

Grauf had been at the assisted living center for about two years because of arthritis after an incident of food poisoning. However, Levin said he was able to walk up to the roof himself.

The high temperature for July 5 was a record 103 degrees at O'Hare, breaking the record of 102 set in 1911.

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