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Levin & Perconti Files a Personal Injury Lawsuit for the Nursing Home Abuse and Neglect of George Johnson at Brentwood Sub-Acute Healthcare Center in Burbank, Illinois

Burbank, IL – Steven M. Levin and Michael F. Bonamarte of Levin & Perconti have filed a personal injury lawsuit on behalf of the family of 81-year old George Johnson who died as a result of nursing home abuse and neglect at Brentwood Sub-Acute Healthcare Center, a nursing home. George Johnson is survived by his wife Alberta, six children, nineteen grandchildren and twenty five great grandchildren. Levin & Perconti filed the lawsuit on August 11, 2008 in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

George Johnson was a resident at Brentwood Sub-Acute Healthcare Center, 5400 W. 87th Street, Burbank, Illinois and was under the medical care of several doctors. George's family chose Brentwood based on their promises that they would provide George the care and treatment he required and because it was close to many of the family members' homes. George was assessed, upon his admission to the nursing home, to be at a high risk for the development of pressure ulcers. When George was admitted to Brentwood his skin had no apparent pressure ulcers, wounds or discoloration. However, Brentwood staff failed to give George proper care and treatment during his two month stay at the facility. As a result, George developed multiple pressure ulcers, and became dehydrated and malnourished. When the nursing home recognized the severity of George's condition, it was too late. George was admitted to Christ Hospital on October 15, 2006 with an infected and draining Stage IV pressure ulcer on his sacrum.

As a result of Brentwood's neglect, failure to monitor George's health condition, and failure to administer proper medical care, George suffered an infected stage IV pressure ulcer, pneumonia, dehydration and malnutrition and an overall deterioration in his physical health. George continued to suffer for eleven excruciating days before he passed away at Christ Hospital as a result of the poor care he received at Brentwood.

George's granddaughter Donyale Johnson brought this lawsuit on George's behalf so that other residents and families do not have to suffer the physical and emotional pain that George and his family suffered. Donyale said: "When our family members were at the nursing home we constantly made the staff aware of our concerns. Whenever we went to the nursing home would find him in horrible condition, lying in his own urine and feces and dirty."

George's wife Alberta is angry with the home for allowing her husband to live in undignified conditions: "He was not living in a dignified environment. Every time our family would come into the facility George would be filthy and we would have to clean and bathe him and trim his beard." George was sadly missed at the Johnson family reunion this summer. George was the kind of husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather that was always there for his loved ones. George enjoyed spending time with his very large family and was an avid White Sox fan.

Steven Levin commented "The Johnson family tried their best to ensure that their loved one received good care but despite their vigilance they could not prevent neglect from occurring. It is frightening to imagine what happens to residents who do not have friends and family members that are able to be at the nursing home each day monitoring their loved one's care."

Attorney Mike Bonamarte remarked "This is a situation where the family of George Johnson relied on the nursing home to provide George with the care and treatment he medically required and the care and treatment they promised to provide to him. The nursing home broke their promises to George Johnson and his family and as a result, George suffered needlessly."

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