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Family Files Lawsuit Against Lake Zurich Nursing Home

CHICAGO, March 5, 2008 - Recently, attorney Steven M. Levin of Levin & Perconti filed a nursing home negligence case in the Circuit Court of Cook County against Lexington Health Care Center of Lake Zurich in Lake Zurich, IL. The complaint was filed on behalf of Edna Kneidek for the injuries she suffered while she was a resident at the nursing home. The victim, now 83 years old, suffered a hip fracture at the home, leaving her permanently immobile.

Edna was admitted to Lexington Health Care on December 29, 2006. Prior to entering Lexington, she lived in an assisted living facility. Her daughters made the decision to move her to Lexington as her dementia progressed. "We knew our mother needed to receive around-the-clock care," said Edna's daughter, Lisa Reiplinger, of McHenry, IL. "We chose Lexington because it was affiliated with her assisted living center and we were very pleased with the care that they had given her there."

When Edna was admitted to Lexington, she was assessed as being at-risk for falls. Despite her known risk for falls, the nursing home allowed her to fall five times from February through August 2007. On August 7, Edna suffered a fall and later complained to the nursing home staff of severe hip pain. Over the next few days, her pain continued. However, the nursing home did not address this pain or transfer her to the hospital for x-rays for five days. When she finally entered the hospital on August 12, an x-ray revealed that her left hip was shattered and she was also diagnosed with pneumonia.

Soon after, Edna had extensive surgery to repair her hip. After leaving the hospital, her family did not take her back to Lexington. "We couldn't take our mother back to Lexington where they allowed her to suffer with a broken hip for five days," said Edna's daughter, Lisa. "Finding another nursing home was the best thing we could have done for our mother. She is much happier in her new home and is receiving the care and attention that she needs." "Edna's family trusted Lexington to care for her, but the home was negligent on a number of levels," said Steve Levin. "The nursing home failed to properly assess Edna's

risk for falls or protect her from falling. After allowing her to fall, the home did not respond to her complaints of pain or transfer her to the hospital in a timely fashion.”

“We hope that our case will bring about changes at Lexington so that other residents don’t suffer like my mother did,” said Lisa. “We visited often, but there are so many residents who do not have family nearby to speak up for them. We do not want anyone else to go through what my mother went through.”

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