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Nursing Home Negligence Lawsuit Filed against South Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

CHICAGO, October 30, 2008 – A nursing home negligence lawsuit was filed on Friday, October 24, 2008, by attorney John J. Perconti of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti against South Shore Care Center, LLC, and the nursing home’s management companies- Care Centers, Inc., Care Centers Clinical, LLC and Care Centers Health Systems, LLC. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the family of Lula Moore for personal injuries suffered while under the care of South Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Chicago. Lula died on November 17, 2007 as a result of these injuries at the age of 73.

Prior to entering the nursing home, Lula Moore lived at home with her husband Aubray Moore. Lula suffered from Alzheimer’s and her doctors recommended that she be moved to a nursing home to receive the constant level of care and support that she required. Her family took her doctor’s advice and she was admitted to South Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on August 10, 2007.

“We did a lot of research and we chose South Shore because of its reputation and that it was close to home to make visitation easier. We placed our faith and trust in this facility and thought we made the best choice for our mother,” said Brenda and Karen Moore, Lula’s daughters.

When Lula entered South Shore, she had no evidence of any pressure ulcers (bed sores) on her body. Three days after her admission, the staff found a pressure ulcer on her tailbone. The ulcer progressed and Lula was hospitalized so doctors could surgically treat the wound.

Lula returned to the nursing home for several weeks but was readmitted to the hospital because the condition of her pressure ulcer continued to decline. Her sacral ulcer was surgically treated again and she was also diagnosed with sepsis, or a blood infection. In the following weeks, Lula's condition rapidly deteriorated and she died on November 17, 2007. Her cause of death was determined to be sepsis as a result of her infected pressure ulcer.

"We filed this case with the hope that this would not happen to another family. I pray that no one would ever have to go through what our mother and family went through. Children and seniors are the most precious gifts that God gives us and we have to watch over and protect them," said Brenda.

John J. Perconti of Levin & Perconti filed the case. "Lula Moore's case is a devastating example of nursing home negligence. The staff at South Shore failed to carry out a simple plan of care that would have prevented the pressure ulcer from forming. The facility also failed in its treatment plan allowing the wound to become infected, requiring surgery, and ultimately contributing to her death." said Mr. Perconti.

An investigation by the Illinois Department of Public Health revealed several deficiencies to the care provided to Lula Moore and cited the nursing home for improper nursing care. It also revealed that the facility failed to properly document and assess the development and deterioration of Ms. Moore's pressure ulcer and possibly discarded or destroyed some medical records.

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