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Family Files Lawsuit against Mt. Sinai Hospital Following Death of Son
26-year-old Cicero man dies during surgical emergency

CHICAGO, March 7, 2013 – Levin & Perconti filed a [medical malpractice lawsuit](#) Tuesday against Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago for the family of Alberto Mendez, formerly of Cicero. The complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County. In June 2012, Alberto, 26, died while undergoing surgery at the hospital.

On June 6, 2012, Alberto sprained his ankle while playing basketball. He went to a local emergency room and received an ankle wrap. On June 12, Alberto went to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago complaining of leg pain. The following day, physicians diagnosed Alberto with compartment syndrome; a condition caused by an insufficient blood flow to the muscles, and ordered surgery to treat this condition. Late in the evening on June 13, Alberto went to surgery, but within minutes of the start of the operation, he suffered cardiac arrest and died.

“Alberto’s family contacted our firm to seek answers surrounding his untimely death, and also to warn other families of the prevalence of preventable medical mistakes in Chicago area hospitals,” said attorney Steven Levin. “The lawsuit alleges that the hospital staff let his condition deteriorate by not treating his symptoms in a timely manner. It further alleges that they operated without performing crucial pre-operative tests, and improperly handled a surgical emergency by giving him the wrong anesthetic for his condition. These mistakes resulted in Alberto’s tragic death at 26.”

Alberto is survived by his parents Diamantina Mendez and Esteban Mendez of Cicero and five siblings.

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