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Levin & Perconti Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit against Alden Poplar Creek Rehabilitation and Health Care Center

CHICAGO, March 30, 2009 – Steven Levin and Margaret Battersby of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti filed a lawsuit today against Alden Poplar Creek Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Hoffman Estates. Levin & Perconti filed this lawsuit on behalf of Warren Osborn for the wrongful death of his 94-year-old mother, Mildred Osborn, who was a resident at the nursing home.

Mildred was admitted to Alden Poplar Creek in June 2007. When she was admitted to the nursing home, the staff assessed her to be at risk for falls and accidents and that she required supervision and assistance with activities of daily living. “Mildred could not get around independently; she had difficulty walking and needed assistance moving from her bed to wheelchair. She relied on the staff at Alden to help her with almost everything,” noted Steve Levin.

On March 10, 2008, Mildred fell. After the fall, the staff at Alden developed a care plan to put fall precautions in place for Mildred to ensure she did not suffer another fall. However, she fell again on May 7, 2008. On August 5, Mildred fell a third time and was transferred to St. Alexius Medical Center. Upon admission to the hospital, doctors diagnosed her with a laceration above her left eye, a hip fracture, and a subarachnoid hemorrhage, or bleeding around the brain. Several days later, on August 9, 2008, Mildred passed away. Her autopsy listed her cause of death as being accidental and the injuries she sustained at Alden Poplar Creek directly contributed to her death.

“Falls can have devastating effects on older people, leading to serious injury or death,” said Steve Levin. “In Mildred’s case, the nursing home knew she was at risk for falls and allowed her to fall on several occasions. Even after these falls, they neglected to implement new precautions to prevent her from falling again, and failed to consistently implement the fall precautions that were already required. Mildred’s death could have been prevented if Alden had only taken the proper steps to ensure her safety.”

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