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Levin & Perconti Files a Medical Malpractice and Wrongful Death Lawsuit against the Carle Foundation Hospital for the Family of Kaylee Persky in Champaign County, Illinois

Chicago, IL – Levin & Perconti has filed a medical malpractice and wrongful death lawsuit for the death of baby Kaylee Persky in Champaign County, Illinois. Kaylee was a patient at the Carle Foundation Hospital where the hospital and its staff failed to monitor her medical condition. She died at age 20 months on August 31, 2006. Jeffrey E. Martin, a partner at the firm, filed the lawsuit on behalf of Kaylee’s surviving family members.

Kaylee entered the Carle Foundation Hospital for treatment relating to her underdeveloped diaphragm condition. She was placed on a ventilator tube to aide her breathing. The hospital removed her breathing tube and allowed her to breathe on her own. While she was recuperating, Kaylee was placed on electronic monitors that surveyed her cardiopulmonary functions. Monitors are important tools that allow hospital and nursing staff to identify when a patient needs lifesaving care.

Instead of ensuring that Kaylee received the proper care for her rehabilitation, the Carle Foundation Hospital and its staff removed Kaylee’s monitoring devices, making it impossible for anyone to know if Kaylee was in grave danger. The hospital and its staff also neglected to ensure that Kaylee received enough suction and airway maintenance after her tracheostomy tube was removed and did not adequately assess Kaylee’s need for respiratory care.

Kaylee developed a mucus plug in her lungs that blocked her airways and made it impossible to get oxygen to her brain. Without oxygen, Kaylee’s brain could not function and her body soon went into cardiac arrest and respiratory failure. Normally, monitors sound alarms and notify

nursing staff when a patient's heart or breathing stops. Though Kaylee's room was near the nursing station and was close enough that staff would easily have heard the warnings, without monitors and without proper assessments, nobody responded to save her. Kaylee died as a direct result of the hospital's failures.

According to Martin: "This is a heart-breaking case. Kaylee was improving and her family's hopes were high for a strong recovery. However, the hospital's negligence brought their hopes crashing down and took their baby daughter's life away. Kaylee's family is truly devastated."

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