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Parents File Medical Malpractice Lawsuit against Silver Cross Hospital
Son committed suicide in hospital's psychiatric unit

CHICAGO, March 23, 2012 - The parents of a 23-year-old man who hanged himself at Silver Cross Hospital filed a lawsuit today against the Joliet hospital. The complaint, filed in the Circuit Court of Will County, alleges that hospital staff failed to prevent Jason Frame from committing suicide despite knowledge of his risk factors for self-harmful and suicidal behaviors. [Chicago medical malpractice lawyers](#) Steven M. Levin and Michael F. Bonamarte of Levin & Perconti represent the Frame family in the case.

Jason Frame, formerly of New Lenox, admitted himself to the psychiatric unit at Silver Cross Hospital on November 29, 2011. "Upon his admission, Jason exhibited signs of delusion, hallucination, paranoia and agitation," said Steve Levin. "Because of his expressed suicidal ideations and behaviors, he should have been placed under close supervision and surveillance."

"On December 1, Jason hanged himself with a hospital-issued gown in the bathroom," said Levin. "Hospital staff should have never left Jason unsupervised or provided him with anything he could use to harm himself. We believe that this tragedy would have been prevented if Silver Cross had taken proper steps to monitor and observe Jason."

"Our family was relieved when Jason admitted himself to the hospital because we thought he was under the care of psychiatric professionals," recalls his father, Orville Frame. "We trusted the staff at Silver Cross to protect him from himself, so we were devastated to learn that they left Jason alone with the tools needed to take his own life." Added Orville, "We took action against Silver Cross to protect other patients, and hope that this will never happen to another family."

Jason graduated from Crete-Monee High School and attended Columbia College. He was a talented songwriter and musician who played the guitar, bass, piano, keyboard, and drums. Jason was well-known for his solo guitar performances at a number of events, and for providing and mixing background music for bands. He had his own recording studio and donated time to share his many talents teaching others.

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