

Suit alleges neglect at Matteson nursing home

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A lawsuit filed Monday alleges that neglect on the part of staff at a Matteson nursing home resulted in injuries to an elderly woman, and that those injuries contributed to her death.

Levin & Perconti, a Chicago law firm, said in a news release that Emma Robinson was admitted to Applewood Rehabilitation Center in early November 2011 for rehab after a stroke that left the right side of her body paralyzed. The 81-year-old Dolton woman was documented as being at risk for developing bedsores because she couldn't reposition herself in bed on her own, according to the release.

At the end of December of that year, Robinson was taken to St. James Hospital in Olympia Fields for treatment of dehydration, and while there, staff noticed numerous pressure sores on her body, according to the release.

Robinson's condition deteriorated quickly, and she died Jan. 16 of last year, the law firm said.

The lawsuit seeks damages in excess of \$50,000. St. James Hospital is also named as a defendant in the complaint.

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