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Levin & Perconti Files Lawsuit against Rest Haven South Nursing Home

South Holland, IL, September 9, 2008 -- Steven M. Levin of the Chicago-based law firm Levin & Perconti filed a nursing home negligence lawsuit yesterday in the Circuit Court of Cook County on behalf of Tiara Williams for injuries sustained by her father, 73-year-old O.D. Lyons of Chicago, during his stay at the Rest Haven South Nursing Home in South Holland, IL.

O.D. was admitted to Rest Haven South in December of 2006 for short-term rehabilitation. Prior to being admitted to Rest Haven, O.D. lived with his daughter, Tiara, and her mother, Alice Williams. "It was a hard choice but we followed the recommendations of his doctors. We thought it would be best for my father to receive physical therapy and then return home. We trusted them to provide him with the services he needed and the care and treatment they promised to give," said O.D.'s daughter, Tiara.

Rest Haven was aware of O.D.'s risk for falls when he was admitted to the home. O.D. fell three times at the facility and on August 16, 2007, he fell again, resulting in a hip fracture that required surgery. The facility failed to implement the proper precautions to prevent O.D. from falling and fracturing his hip, despite knowing he was at risk for falls.

O.D. returned to Rest Haven after his surgery on August 25, 2007 and fell from bed that evening. He was admitted back into the hospital where they monitored him for several days. Soon after the second fall, O.D.'s family removed him from Rest Haven and brought him home to live under their care. Rest Haven's failure to monitor O.D. after numerous falls and injuries led the family to ultimately decide he was safer at home.

“He was much better off before we put him into Rest Haven. We trusted them to take care of him and watch him closely, but they didn’t do that,” said Tiara Williams.

Attorney Steven Levin of Levin & Perconti filed the case. According to Mr. Levin, “Mr. Lyon’s family trusted Rest Haven to monitor him because he had been having difficulty walking. The nursing home violated their trust by repeatedly neglecting to care for him in an appropriate manner. We hope that by making people aware of Mr. Lyon’s story, we can help to prevent neglect like this from happening to others.”

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