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LAW SUIT AGAINST LINDA VISTA NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

On February 1, 2019, an \$18 Million civil law suit was filed in Superior Court in the County of Jackson in the state of Oregon against the Linda Vista Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ashland, Oregon claiming negligence and abuse of a vulnerable person. The case is a result of a complaint FATE filed on behalf of the daughter of the victim who had been prescribed Methadone for pain. The nurse charted that he had given her the medication up until an hour before the daughter demanded she be sent to the acute hospital because of her worsening condition. Blood and urine tests of the patient clearly showed that she had no Methadone in her system. The nurse was stealing the medication and not giving it to the patient and admitted that he had done this. Another nurse on staff who was not indicted in this case had been on probation in the past for stealing medications. The daughter originally filed a complaint with the State of Oregon; however, the allegation was unsubstantiated and the daughter was hassled by the regulators when she wanted to appeal the decision. She even wrote to the Governor of Oregon who did not respond.

She found the FATE web site and contacted our office. After being interviewed, FATE filed its own complaint which resulted in violations and a further investigation by law enforcement, which eventually lead to the Grand Jury indicting the nurse on seven (7) felony charges.

We have known for years that medications go missing out of facilities, but until the Oregon case, we have never been able to prove it. We hope this exposure will send out a message to the industry about missing medications, as well as to the state regulators to do their job to monitor black-box medications in order to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

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