## New York Nursing Home Abuse Lawyer from The Perecman Firm Comments on the Unconscionable Abuse of Adult Home Residents in Brooklyn

Residents at the Garden of Eden Home in Brooklyn charge that they were abused mentally, emotionally, and financially by adult home administrators responsible for taking care of them.

In response to the allegations of the <u>adult home abuse</u>, legal action was filed against the New York State Department of Health (DOH), charging that the state Health Department failed to enforce the laws and regulations protecting adult homes residents from psychological abuse and financial exploitation.

"Thousands of individuals are abused each year in adult homes, nursing homes and other facilities responsible for their care," said New York nursing home abuse lawyer David Perecman. "This is a tragedy that needs to be stopped and, in a number of cases, legal action appears to be the most effective way to send the message."

According to Garden of Eden residents, head administrator Martin Amsel repeatedly bullied them into attending optional treatment meetings and would threaten them with eviction or unnecessary hospital visits if they didn't do as he dictated. They said they were also bullied for complaining about conditions and requesting help with medical problems, reported by the *New York Daily News*.

Adult abuse and <u>nursing home abuse lawyers in New York</u> understand unsanitary living conditions at the facility were significant issues for complaint.

As reported by the *Daily News*, the DOH noted that residents at the Garden of Eden Home complained they were served stale and moldy food.

Financial abuse was another major issue of complaint.

One resident complained she was forced into a \$1,000 contract for the use of air conditioning in her room.

In another incident, the home illegally deducted money from a resident's monthly personal needs allowance, which residents receive to cover all expenses beyond room and board. These deductions are prohibited by law.

Incidents of adult home abuse and <u>nursing home abuse</u> often go unreported. Residents may be reluctant to complain for fear of retaliation or embarrassment, caretakers may cover up abuses, and family and friends of the abuse victim may be unaware of the warning signs of abuse, explained Perecman, a <u>New York nursing home abuse lawyer</u> with over 30 years of experience helping adult home abuse and nursing home neglect victims.

Apparently, the Garden of Eden Home has faced multiple lawsuits stemming from complaints of mistreatment from residents. The New York Health Department cited the facility for a number of violations earlier this year, said the *Daily News*.

A Health Department spokesman told the *Daily News* that most of the violations the home was cited for related to verbal abuse and retribution.

Several residents were quoted as feeling threatened and abused in the *New York Daily News* article.

According a National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) fact sheet, over 2 million Americans have been injured, exploited, or otherwise mistreated by someone on whom they depended for care or protection.

<u>Nursing home abuse lawyers</u> at New York's The Perecman Firm represent victims of adult home abuse, nursing home abuse, disabled adult abuse, and elder neglect in New York. If family or friends suspect that nursing home abuse is happening to someone close, there are things they can do to end it. One of the most important things is to talk with a <u>nursing home abuse lawyer in New York</u> who has experience with nursing home abuse cases.

## About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the New York nursing home abuse lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have handled all types of abuse cases including adult home abuse, nursing home abuse, disabled adult abuse, and elder neglect in New York. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict\*\* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict\*\*\* for an automobile accident, and a

\$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice\*\*\*\*.

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**later settled while on appeal for $7.940 million
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