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83-YEAR-OLD FEMALE RESIDENT AT PARAMOUNT SENIOR LIVING PHOTOGRAPHED PARTIALLY NUDE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT, DISTRIBUTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Earlier today, the law firm of Robert Peirce & Associates, P.C. filed suit against Paramount Senior Living, located in Seven Fields, PA, in the Court of Common Pleas of Butler County on behalf of an 83-year-old female dementia resident. The victim was photographed and/or videoed partially nude without her knowledge or consent by staff at Paramount Senior Living. The image was then distributed via social media by Paramount staff in a joking and humiliating way, mocking her demented mental and physical state.

The dementia resident, whose name is being kept confidential, alleges, through her Power of Attorney, that Paramount Senior Living staff photographed or videoed her while she was in a shower chair. The image showed the victim naked from the waist down with her shower chair placed over her own bowel movement. As if the image was not bad enough, Paramount staff added comments to the image further humiliating the victim.

The Complaint further alleges that the victim's family was not notified until three days after Paramount staff had distributed the image on social media. Remarkably, although well aware of the incident, Paramount has no mention of the incident ever occurring anywhere in the victim's medical records at the facility.

"Every family's worst nightmare became reality when these images were taken and distributed. Paramount failed to live up to its promises and failed my client in the highest degree," Attorney Rob Peirce stated. "I have seen the impact that inadequate care has on elderly people first-hand in my representation of hundreds of victims of nursing home abuse and neglect. Additionally, within the past week, it was reported that a nurse at a local nursing home was taking nude pictures of residents and sending them to a former co-worker at Kane Regional Nursing Center. Now, this filing is yet another example of a violation of residents' rights and dignity."

The law firm of Robert Peirce & Associates, P.C. has represented the rights of the injured and victimized for almost 40 years, and represents numerous other victims in similar situations.