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FAMILY CALLS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL TO OPEN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

LAS VEGAS, Nevada - In a letter written today by Jacob Hafter, Esq., attorney for Roshunda Abney, and her fiancé, Raffinee Dewberry, to Gregory Smith, Chief Investigator for the State of Nevada Attorney General, Mr. Hafter called upon the Attorney General's office to open a criminal investigation against the actions by University Medical Center and its employees that led to the death of Angel Nicole Dewberry on December 1, 2009.

In that letter, Mr. Hafter recounted the tragic series of events which stated on Monday, November 30, 2009, when Ms. Abney and Mr. Dewberry went to UMC Urgent Care on Craig Road in North Las Vegas because of horrible pain Ms. Abney was experiencing. The letter then suggested several violations of state law which occurred as a result of UMC's failure to screen or treat Ms. Abney when she went to the main emergency department at UMC based upon the referral from UMC's Urgent Care. Included within these allegations are criminal neglect, involuntary manslaughter, killing of an unborn quick child and performance of act or neglect of duty in willful or wanton disregard of safety or property.

"As our investigation continues, it appears that the failure to provide Ms. Abney the care she requested goes beyond civil liability," stated Mr. Hafter. "Witness and third party reports suggest that the treatment of Ms. Abney was reckless, if not willful and wanton. Worse, it appears that this was not an isolated event." Mr. Hafter's office has been informed that UMC has known about the systemic flaws and poor care rendered by various UMC employees in its Emergency Department for years. "One report suggests that UMC has received complaints about the poor care and customer service rendered by Mr. Beavers, for example, for over nine years," stated Mr. Hafter. The Review Journal has reported that Ms. Silver, CEO of UMC, has confirmed that Renard Beavers was on duty in the UMC emergency center waiting room the night that Abney alleges that she could not get help. Ms. Abney alleges that it was Mr. Beavers who rudely dismissed her complaints of pain and told her that another hour or more of waiting would not hurt her. Witnesses have suggested that it was Mr. Beavers who threatened them if they did not mind their own business when they tried to speak up to help Ms. Abney.

On Friday, December 11, 2009, UMC released a statement stating "a separate hospital investigation into the treatment of Roshunda Abney has so far resulted in the suspension of six UMC staff pending the outcome of the review."

The letter further requests that the State Attorney General's office conduct the investigation because of the inherent conflicts which exist between the Clark County District Attorney and UMC. Mr. Hafter stated in his letter that "as the District Attorney's office is run by Clark County, and reports to the Clark County Commissioners, the same individuals who serve as the Board of Trustees for UMC, the Clark County District Attorney's office is inherently conflicted out of pursuing a criminal investigation in this matter."

A response from the Attorney General's office has not been received.