

# Straight Inc. trial could start today

Opening arguments could be heard today in the \$1 million personal injury lawsuit against Straight Inc., the controversial drug rehabilitation program which closed its Clermont County treatment center two years ago.

Jury selection began Thursday before Clermont County Common Pleas Judge Robert P. Ringland, and could finish today.

The civil trial stems from a Miami Township couple's allegations that Straight staff members assaulted their son while he was a

resident in the treatment program in 1985.

Robert and Rosemary Weaver claim their son, Eric, now 18, has suffered severe psychiatric problems because of the alleged mistreatment.

They also say that Straight officials misrepresented the program and the professional backgrounds of their staff members.

The trial is scheduled to last three weeks.

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