

New suit against Straight alleges teen-ager was abused

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A 20-year-old Loveland woman and her mother have sued Straight Inc. for \$1 million, less than a week after the drug rehabilitation center settled a similar case.

The civil suit, filed in Clermont County this week by Robin [redacted] and her mother, Genny Monaco, of Blue Ash, claims that [redacted] was abused while a client of the Milford program for two months in

"We thought it was better than Robin being dead. I was convinced something terrible would happen to her if I didn't. They got us at a very vulnerable time."

William Delaney, one of the five former executive staff members named in the suit, said he does not remember [redacted]

"We provided the very best of care that we could. Our interest was to provide an environment to facilitate sobriety in youth," said

Straight closed its Milford drug treatment center because of declining enrollment in November, 1987, after five years in operation.

The suit alleges [redacted] was beaten, restrained, and denied food, educational opportunities and association with friends and family.

Monaco spent \$50,000 for subsequent psychiatric counseling for [redacted] as a result, the suit says.

"Parents put kids there out of desperation," Monaco said Friday.

The suit also names Florida-based Straight, Jerry Rushing, William Glick and Winnie Boyd.

Monaco said [redacted] was scheduled to testify last week on behalf of 18-year-old Eric Weaver of Loveland, who had sued Straight on the same allegations as [redacted]

Straight settled for an undisclosed amount of money after the first witness for Weaver swore physical and mental abuse of clients was routine.