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# Jury takes tour of Straight; abuse of client is alleged

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## THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

A jury toured the abandoned Straight Inc. center in Milford Thursday during the second day of a \$1 million personal injury trial against the Florida-based drug rehabilitation program.

Opening arguments will begin today before Clermont County Common Pleas Judge Robert P. Ringland, the eight-member jury panel and three alternate jurors.

The civil trial stems from a Miami Township couple's allegations that Straight staff members assaulted their son and authorized

other residents of the treatment program to abuse him while he was at the Milford center in 1985.

The lawsuit, filed by Robert and Rosemary Weaver in 1986 on behalf of their son, Eric, now 18, also maintains that Straight officials misrepresented the program and professional background of their staff members.

The Weavers claim their son has suffered severe psychiatric problems because of mistreatment and negligence of Straight corporate officials and staff members.

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