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Toledo adds cases to mounting Heparin lawsuits

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Toledo radio personality Dennis Staples

TOLEDO -- A Toledo law firm has filed more wrongful death suits against a big name health care corporation, and it involves the drug, Heparin.

Shelley Brown reported live in the breaking news center with the very latest.

The complaints allege that Chinese-produced batches of Baxter Healthcare-made Heparin was contaminated. Heparin is a blood thinner that many very sick dialysis patients, for example, are given.

They say it caused the deaths of four local residents, including a familiar Toledo name. Longtime Toledo radio personality Dennis Staples is named in the suit along with Loretta Lacourse, Vivian Colquitt and Lawrence Matten.

According to attorneys, all four had been receiving hemodialysis using Baxter-made Heparin.

The suit claims that in 2007 those patients began experiencing unusual and severe medical reactions atypical to reactions from contaminated Heparin being investigated by the FDA.

Each died not long after, and earlier this year Baxter began recalling Heparin.

Dennis Staples' widow was part of a news conference this afternoon talking about the lawsuit and her late husband.

Johanna staples is the widow of Dennis staples. She said "I think my son said it best. 'If we lost him one day earlier than we had to, shame on them.'"



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