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## **Steinger, Iscoe & Greene to represent man who suffered life-threatening side effects**

*Pharmacy accused of giving customer wrong medication,  
resulting in triple heart bypass surgery and pneumonia*

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 18, 2007**—The law firm of Steinger, Iscoe & Greene has been retained to represent Doug McIntee against Holiday CVS, LLC, for allegedly giving him the wrong prescription, resulting in significant and life-threatening injuries. An official complaint has been made with the Florida Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (Claim Nos. 200738332 and 200738814).

On April 4, 2007, McIntee went to the CVS/pharmacy<sup>®</sup> located at 101 N. Dixie Hwy. in Lake Worth, Fla., and was allegedly given 10 times the prescribed dose of a rarely prescribed asthma medication, Theo-dur<sup>®</sup> 300mg, which is a bronchodilator intended to increase oxygen in the lungs and heart. McIntee's physician, however, prescribed Imdur<sup>®</sup> 30mg, which is used to prevent and treat angina by relaxing the blood vessels to the heart—the opposite effect of Theo-dur<sup>®</sup> 300mg. After unknowingly taking the wrong medication, McIntee suffered a violent reaction and severe coughing, resulting in a MI. Consequently, he required an immediate triple bypass heart procedure. He also suffered chronic lung disease, including severe pneumonia infections. The complete extent of his injuries is yet to be determined by his doctors.

“This particular prescription error caused extreme lung pain and breathing difficulties because it was 10 times the dose and opposite-effecting prescription the physician had prescribed,” said McIntee's attorney, Daniel Lacesa, Esq., of Steinger, Iscoe & Greene. “As a result Mr. McIntee, who suffers from residual and chronic lung problems and bouts of pneumonia, has had to alter his active lifestyle to a sedentary lifestyle.”

The CVS pharmacist who filled the medication to McIntee at CVS, has been reprimanded by the Florida Board of Pharmacy in the past for erroneously filling prescriptions. This is not the first time pharmacy service providers have been accused of filling the wrong prescriptions. Recently, a Florida jury awarded \$25.8 million to the family of a woman who suffered a massive stroke and later died after a prescription was improperly filled at a pharmacy in Lakeland, Fla. Additionally, a South Carolina woman was awarded \$8 million after a wrongly filled prescription resulted in the loss of her newly transplanted kidney.

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According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, approximately 7,000 deaths occur each year due to prescription errors. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration estimates that there is at least one death per day and 1.3 million people are injured each year due to medication errors.

“There is a serious health crisis occurring in our state resulting from the rising demand for prescriptions and the large increase in the number of pharmacies,” Lacesa said. “The frequency of these professional errors is frightening. Florida needs to adopt stricter guidelines and checks-and-balances system regarding prescription dispensing protocol.”

**About Steinger, Iscoe & Greene**

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