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Woman dies weeks after N.J. nursing home injury

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A woman who was hurt in a New Jersey nursing home died Monday, just weeks after officials launched an investigation into her injuries.

Dolores Gomez was 86.

Her son, Benny Gomez, said he had seen a marked decline in his mother's health since the incident in Westfield Center late last month. Gomez' lawyer, Marilyn Barbosa, said it was too early to know if the injuries played any role in her death.

He declined to say if there would be an autopsy.

Last month, Benny Gomez posted a photo online of his mother's bruised and bloody face, and alleges she had been assaulted. A Westfield spokesperson denied any mistreatment, and said Gomez had fallen.

The state Health Department and the Westfield police launched an investigation into what happened, which remains ongoing.

Dolores Gomez was taken out of Westfield Center after she was hurt, and Barbosa said Gomez was still recovering from her injuries when she died.

Lori Mayer, the Westfield spokesperson, declined to comment on Gomez' death.

Gomez was born in Spain and emigrated to Newark in 1959, according to her obituary. Her funeral was scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield, and she was to be buried at the nearby Fairview Cemetery afterward.

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