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### September 26, 2012: Chicago law firm launches personal injury app

Chicago personal injury law firm, Dinizulu Law Group, Ltd., has recently launched a free mobile accident app that provides users with step-by-step assistance in the event that they are in an accident.

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### March 23, 2012: Harvey sued over cops not submitting rape kitsCity Accused of Conspiring Against Rape Victims

A 22-year-old woman who was allegedly sexually assaulted in Harvey has filed a proposed class-action lawsuit against the city, claiming police failed to send sexual-assault evidence kits for her and at least 50 other people to Illinois State Police for testing.

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### March 23, 2012: Harvey Rape Kits Unprocessed: Illinois County Sued For Ignoring Rapes

*Huffington Post – Chicago*

A 22-year-old rape victim has filed a federal class action lawsuit against Harvey, Illinois, claiming that the city failed to process 200 rape kits, stalling police action on open investigations and eroding the value of crucial biological evidence.

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### March 23, 2012: City Accused of Conspiring Against Rape Victims

*By JACK BOUBOUSHIAN*

CHICAGO (CN) - A federal class action claims the City of Harvey failed to submit more than 200 sexual assault kits for testing, evidence and preservation, and that the city's conspiracy against women was discovered when the FBI raided the Harvey police department and found hundreds of untested rape kits.

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### March 22, 2012: Harvey faces class action lawsuit for alleged police mishandling of rape kits



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*By Gregory Tejeda*

HARVEY | An attorney is trying to expand a legal case against the Harvey Police Department, which earlier this year was sued by a woman who said she was raped when she was 10, only to find out the rape kit meant to be evidence never was properly processed.

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### **March 22, 2012: Woman's lawsuit claims Harvey failed to test rape kit**

*By Dawn Rhodes*

A 22-year-old woman has filed a class action lawsuit against the city of Harvey and its former police chief, alleging that authorities failed to submit a rape kit to state officials when she was sexually assaulted in 2007.

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### **February 9, 2012: Harvey debacle breaks the silence**

*By MARY MITCHELL*

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When I was growing up, I played with a girl who was being molested by her father. I didn't know whether the molester was her biological father or her stepfather. But the girl shared details of the bad things that happened when the man came into her room at night or when her mother was not at home.

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### **February, 2012: Harvey sued for mishandling of rape kit**

*By Wendell Hutson*

**Senior contributing writer  
Chicago Crusader**

A 25-year-old Black woman filed suit Tuesday in Cook County circuit court against south suburban Harvey for mishandling a rape kit that allowed her rapist to go uncharged for 14 years.

"After being failed at home, this young woman should have been able to trust that local police would follow through with their most basic levels of investigation," said Yao Dinizulu, an attorney representing the female victim named in the lawsuit as Jane Doe. "The abuse could have ended there had police done their jobs. There is a pattern of gross negligence in the city of Harvey that has led to the suffering of countless other victims. We're asking a jury to send a strong message that such egregious malfeasance won't be tolerated."

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### **February 8, 2012: Rape victim sues Harvey over untested rape kit**

*BY CASEY TONER*

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A woman whose rape kit sat untested in the Harvey Police Department's basement for a decade after her stepfather allegedly sexually assaulted her filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the city and the stepfather — a former Cook County correctional officer — saying she did so to gain closure. The woman, 25, was 11 at the time of the alleged 1997 rape. Her stepfather, Robert Buchanan, 45, was charged in October with predatory criminal sexual assault in the case after investigators determined Buchanan's DNA matched DNA in the rape kit, prosecutors said at the time.

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### **February 7, 2012: Harvey police sued by woman who says she was raped as a child**

*By Deanese Williams-Harris*

*Tribune reporter*

A woman who prosecutors said was raped as a child by a Cook County correctional officer has filed a lawsuit against the city of Harvey for not testing her rape kit. Robert Buchanan, 45, was charged in September 2011 with predatory criminal sexual assault. He is accused of raping the woman in 1997 when she was 11. Buchanan was charged after Cook County state's attorney's investigators obtained a DNA sample from the man and linked it to a DNA sample retrieved from the girl in 1997, officials said.

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**August 2, 2006: Female machinist wins \$1.7 million in suit against Bodine Electric**

Chicago Defender  
*by Demetrius Patterson*

An African American woman who injured herself six years ago while operating heavy machinery received a \$1.7 million award in a lawsuit Wednesday against Bodine Electric Co.

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**May 19, 2004: Chicago Sun Times - Park District Case**

Two Chicago families sued the Chicago Park District Tuesday, saying the district could have done more to discover that an employee was molesting boys -- including their three sons -- at Rainbow Beach on the South Side.

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**November 16, 2003: State wards' time runs out; Options limited for older kids**

***Sunday, Chicago Tribune***

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BYLINE: By Ofelia Casillas, Tribune staff reporter.

Growing up in the child welfare system, Berline Stokes and Talisa Davenport had each lived in more than 20 homes before the state ran out of options for them. By then, both young women had their emotional problems documented in thick files—many of which stressed their need for structure and support. But the state moved them into separate “independent living” apartments in a South Side building, giving them freedom to begin living as adults. There, things spun apart violently, and Stokes now stands charged with killing Davenport, stabbing her in the back, chest and face. The collision of these two lives shines light on the loosely defined and sometimes poorly executed programs the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services uses to usher some state wards into adulthood.

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