

## Verbal Abuse: Court Says Aide's Firing Was Justified.

A nurses aide used obscene and de-meaning language with a patient while assisting him to the commode. humiliating, harassing or threatening language or gestures, and not just abusive physical contact like hitting, slapping,

Although suffering from dementia and Korsakoff's psychosis, the patient was visibly upset afterward when others tried to assist him to the bathroom. kicking, biting or imposing corporal punishment.

The court ruled the aide's name should be placed in the registry of persons barred from working with vulnerable adults. **Ap-**

The Court of Appeals of Minnesota noted that mistreatment of a vulnerable adult includes disparaging, derogatory, **peal of Staley, 730 N.W. 2d 289 (Minn. App., April 24, 2007).**