

Kin of ma who died in storm to sue city

RELATIVES OF A Brooklyn woman who died during the debilitating Christmas blizzard said yesterday they're going to sue the city for not sending an ambulance that could have saved her life.

Lillie Cockburn, 56, died of hypertension Dec. 27, after reaching a hospital some six hours after her son first dialed 911, her family said.

"No ambulance ever came," said lawyer John Dalli of the law firm Dalli & Marino.

"It's a shock to everybody," said Cockburn's son, Jason, 26. "No words in the English dictionary can describe how I feel about that."

He said he dialed 911 around 7 a.m. after seeing his mother lying on the floor of their Bedford-Stuyvesant home.

When assistance failed to arrive, he found a fire truck and then an ambulance nearby, but neither would help. "He told me pretty much there was nothing that he could do," Cockburn said of the EMT.

Finally, a cousin arrived around 1 p.m. with a car and whisked her to Interfaith Medical Center, but it was too late.

The family of Yvonne Freeman, 75, who died of a heart attack Dec. 26, filed a \$20 million suit against the city. **Oren Yaniv**