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## Lawsuit Filed Against D.R. Horton Homes

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By Jennifer Brice First Coast News

**JACKSONVILLE, FL.** -- A lawsuit will be filed on behalf of 23-year-old Jorge Gomez today. Gomez says he was working on a D.R. Horton home when a beam fell on him, paralyzing him instantly.

Tears have no language barrier for the Gomez family, who traveled from Mexico to be by their son's side. The 23-year-old cannot speak for him self as he lies in a hospital bed, now a quadriplegic. It's a lawsuit that will speak on his behalf. His attorney, from Pajcic & Pajcic, claims Gomez was working for D.R. Horton when a beam fell on him. They are suing D.R. Horton.

D.R. Horton's controller, Kathy Shippey, says they never hired Jorge Gomez. She says the company only hires sub-contractors who are supposed to find legal workers.

"There's really no way for us to certify otherwise because we can only manage our level of business and our contractors."

The lawsuit says D.R. Horton should share the responsibility for Gomez's mounting medical bills, \$500,000 and counting.

Immigration Attorney Lena Korial says illegal immigrants working on the First Coast is an exploding problem.



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She receives phone calls constantly asking how employers can legalize them. Korial says it's impossible to do. She also says there used to be help called the "Life Act."

It enabled illegal immigrants to work for their green cards if they found a work sponsor. When that law expired, it was never renewed post 9/11.

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