



Marler Clark Files First Salmonella Lawsuit in Daniele Pepper Salami Outbreak

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The nationwide outbreak of Salmonella : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) linked to pepper-covered salami has resulted in legal action. The first Salmonella lawsuit : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) was filed today against Daniele International, Inc : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) , a Rhode Island company that recalled 1,240,000 pounds of sausage products due to potential Salmonella contamination. The lawsuit was filed in Cook County on behalf of an Illinois family by Marler Clark : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) , the Seattle-based food safety law firm, and by Gary Newland of Illinois firm Newland, Newland, & Newland. : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...)

In late December, the Keppler family purchased Daniele, Inc.'s now-recalled pepper-coated salami (salame) product at a Costco in Lake Zurich, Illinois. Mrs. Keppler consumed the product and soon began to experience gastrointestinal illness. Although she did not require medical treatment, her 3-month-old son soon fell ill. His symptoms included fever and diarrhea, and even after a visit to his pediatrician, his symptoms : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) continued to worsen. His diarrhea became incessant, and ultimately turned bloody. His temperature soared to 104 degrees. His parents rushed him to the ER, where he was re-hydrated and blood and stool samples were given for testing. The stool test would later reveal that he had been infected with Salmonella. After discharge from the hospital, the Keppler's son continued to be very ill for an extended period of time, requiring several more visits to his pediatrician. He continues to recover from the illness.

The CDC reports 189 Salmonella illnesses in 40 states : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) . The investigation is continuing, as officials look into the possibility of Salmonella contamination of the ready-to-eat meat product or the spices used on and in it. Spices have previously been responsible for Salmonella outbreaks, : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) such as the Union International Foods : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) outbreak and the Adams Extract and Spice outbreak.

"There is pepper in my kitchen, and in millions of American kitchens," said Bill Marler, : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) the family's attorney. "Consumers need to know the source of the spices implicated in this outbreak so that they can protect their families. Daniele International owes that information to those already sickened as well as to all families trying to stay healthy."

ABOUT MARLER CLARK: Marler Clark has represented victims of every major foodborne illness outbreak since 1993. The firm's attorneys have litigated high-profile food poisoning cases against such companies as ConAgra, Wendy's, Chili's, Chi-Chi's, and Jack in the Box, securing over \$500,000,000 for their clients. Marler Clark currently represents thousands of victims of outbreaks traced to tenderized steaks, ground beef, tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, peanut butter, and spinach, as well as other foods. For further information, contact Mary Sicheloff at 206-719-4705 or msicheloff@marlerclark.com : <mailto:msicheloff@marlerclark.com> , or visit www.MarlerClark.com : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) and www.marlerblog.com : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) .

Consumer Resource: Downloadable Family Food Safety Guide for Salmonella : [cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww ..](http://cts.businesswire.com/ct/CT?id=smartlink&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww...) (PDF)

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