

## Fla. woman's kin sue over crane death

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The family of a [Miami](#) woman killed in last month's East Side crane collapse is suing several companies that worked at the doomed site.

[Odin Torres](#) was in [New York](#) to celebrate St. Patrick's Day when a crane toppled over, killing her and six other people and flattening the E. 50th St. townhouse where she was staying with a friend.

The 28-year-old woman's estate has filed suit against the companies that operated the crane and worked at the E. 51st St. site, accusing them of recklessly operating a defective crane.

"It's our opinion that this could have been avoided with the maintenance and routine inspection of this crane," said [Edward Steinberg](#), a lawyer for the family.

The suit targets the East 51st [St. Development Co.](#), [Reliance Construction Group](#), [Joy Contractors](#), New York Crane & Engineering and Stroh Engineering. The family also plans to sue the city, Steinberg said.

It took 48 hours to find Torres' body, which remained unclaimed for two weeks while her loved ones waited for permission from the Cuban government to travel to the [United States](#).

A memorial mass for the victims will be celebrated at [St. Patrick's Cathedral](#) at 2p.m. Monday, church officials said.