

First Hand Encounters Indicate A Pattern Of Illegal Abortions at Women's Health Care Services

1. December 5, 2005 – Summary: A woman in her 6th month of pregnancy, (at least 24 weeks), arrived at WHCS for an abortion because her baby was bi-racial. She signed consent forms at WHCS and was to return the next day for her abortion. She met pro-lifers and changed her mind about abortion. Today she is healthy and has a healthy baby girl named Naia. Her pregnancy did endanger her life, neither was she at risk of suffering “substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.” This would have been an illegal abortion if it had taken place.

Report from Mark Geitzen:

While on-site at about 12:45 pm, I was walking and saying the Rosary, when I met an attractive young lady coming northbound on the sidewalk. She had just walked out of Tiller's parking lot.

Her name is Betty K. She is from New York, but was born and raised in Canada. She is in Medical School, six months pregnant, Caucasian, very beautiful, 30 years old, and pregnant by an African-American Doctor who is not sure if he wants to marry her or not.

Betty had been to Choices Medical Clinic, for three (3) hours prior to going into Tiller's. She went in to Tiller's to get an Information pack and to sign the consent form for an abortion, but she is now undecided about having the abortion. She scheduled her abortion prior to her leaving New York. Her procedure is scheduled to begin tomorrow.

At first, Betty did not want to talk, but I engaged her in conversation and we ended up talking for a long time, almost an hour, standing in the cold, on the sidewalk between the utility box and the tree. She cried at some points - and so did I. The problem is her parents - and the fact that this is a bi-racial child. Furthermore, her sister, whom she does not get along with, says that if she has this baby, it will kill her parents, because her parents are apparently very racist.

When Dale came up to the gate and signed in, I introduced Betty to him. Dale talked with Betty for awhile, telling her that he was an adopted child. That information had a profound impact on Betty. I know that because we talked about it later.

Before we left Tiller's, Betty had stopped crying, and she gave her cell phone number to both Dale and I.

Update: Betty had a little girl named Naia in March, 2006. Both mom and baby are healthy and happy. She turned down offers of financial assistance.

2. April 3, 2006 – Note: The only reason this 6th month abortion did not happen was because the woman was high on drugs and encountered pro-lifers who offered her help. This pregnancy, while complicated by drug use, did not qualify as being life-threatening to the woman nor did continuation of the pregnancy meet the standard of “substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function” of the pregnant woman.

Report from Cheryl S. (“Cheri”) Jones:

At about 4:40 pm a young woman from Minnesota came out of Tiller's and approached Cheri Jones at the gate. She is about six months pregnant, and Tiller had refused to start the abortion procedure on her because, she is high on methamphetamines.

Cheri was able to talk with her for about an hour, and she counseled her against having the abortion. Cheri helped her get in contact with her boyfriend, and she also offered her literature and any other help that she may need. Later, Cheri was also able to counsel the boyfriend, and got a commitment from him, that he would support her in not having the abortion.

The abortion was going to cost about \$6000.00, but money was not a problem for this girl and her boyfriend.

3. March 23, 2007 – Summary: Eighth month abortion for convenience reasons, which is clearly illegal.

Reported by Operation Rescue based on information provided by Donna Lampkin.

Evidence surfaced today that late-term abortionist George R. Tiller is continuing to flagrantly violate the Kansas ban on post-viability abortions by initiating a convenience abortion on a woman in her eighth month of pregnancy.

The woman entered Tiller's Wichita abortion mill this afternoon, and began the process to abort her baby even though the woman admitted to pro-life supporters outside the clinic that she is perfectly healthy, physically and mentally, and that her baby is also healthy. Kansas law prohibits such abortions after 22 weeks of pregnancy.

Sidewalk counselor Donna Lampkin told Operation Rescue that the woman said she was having an abortion because the baby would be a financial burden on her. Lampkin discussed options such as adoption and other assistance, but the woman rejected them all.

"You could clearly see the woman's swollen tummy," said Lampkin. "If you had put your hand on her tummy, you could have felt the baby moving."

When Lampkin asked the woman why she waited so long, she replied that it took her that long to raise the money to pay for the abortion.

"It is entirely illegal in the State of Kansas for a healthy woman to obtain an abortion in her eighth month of a healthy pregnancy for convenience reasons," said Operation Rescue spokesperson Cheryl Sullenger. "Women simply don't have a legal right to do that."

The woman entered the clinic and, instead of being turned away, left with a packet of information and consent forms that Kansas law requires women to receive at least 24-hours before an abortion. It is the first step in the process of obtaining an abortion in Kansas.

"This incident clearly shows that Tiller is openly flaunting the law," said Sullenger. "And from his perspective, why not? Up until now, he has been able to do as he pleases, and no one has ever been able to successfully hold him accountable. Until he faces consequences for his illegal and immoral actions, innocent babies who should be protected will continue to die, and the laws of Kansas will continue to be meaningless."

4. September 23, 3007 – Summary: A woman 24 weeks pregnant was misdiagnosed as having a "life threatening" pregnancy. Her baby was diagnosed with dwarfism, but fetal anomaly is not a legal reason to get an abortion in Kansas in the 6th month of pregnancy. The woman's life and health were not in jeopardy. If this abortion had taken place, it would have been illegal.

Report by Dale and Judi Weldy and Donna Lampkin:

At 8:06 am, a rental car approached Tiller's gate. The car was occupied by a 22-year old Caucasian lady from Reno, Nevada, who is 24 weeks pregnant, and her mother who lives in Oregon.

They came to a full stop at Tiller's gate to accept printed material from Dale & Judi Weldy, and they remained there for several minutes to talk. Both women in the car are devout Evangelical Christians. On their way to Tiller's they had been praying for a miracle.

They even apologized for coming in for an abortion, saying that they did not want an abortion, but that they had no choice in the matter, because it was a medical necessity!

The pregnant daughter had been told by her doctor in Reno, that she **MUST** have an abortion because her baby has dwarfism, water-on-the-brain, and has an enlarged head, so-much-so, he told her, that if she carried the baby to term, that a natural delivery would likely cause her to die.

Fearing that Tiller's security guard would be out at any minute to usher them in, Judi moved the conversation ...and them, to the ProLife Choices Medical Clinic next door, by urging them to get a free sonogram.

The free sonogram sounded good to the young lady because although her doctor in Reno

had done a sonogram, he would not let her see her baby's image on the screen.

KCFL Volunteer Linda Arensdorf went with them to the proLife Choices Medical Clinic, and the first thing that they did, was to call Tiller's to cancel their 8:30 abortion appointment. The call to Tiller was placed via speaker phone, and Linda over-heard Tiller's staff telling them that they would keep the schedule open for them until this afternoon.

Later, after seeing the sonogram of her baby, and after receiving a printed picture of it, the young mother came out to Tiller's gate and showed the sonogram photos to KCFL Volunteer, Donna Lampkin who by this time had started her shift at Tiller's gate. The baby is clearly a little boy!

As it turned out, the baby does have indications of dwarfism, however, there is no water-water-on-the-brain, and no enlargement of the baby's head whatsoever. In fact Choices Medical Clinic Staff told them that she will most likely be able to have a normal delivery.

The young mother had been told by her Doctor in Reno that she was five months pregnant. At five months, the abortion was going to cost \$4,500 plus an additional \$1,500 for prescriptions and other miscellaneous costs, for a total of \$7,000 at that stage of pregnancy.

However, she is actually 24 weeks pregnant, (Six months) and as such, the abortion would have been much more expensive, (and, for what it is worth, against Kansas State Law).

Later in the afternoon the young lady and her mother left Choices Medical Clinic, and they came over to the gate again. This time to accept a gift of baby-boy clothing from Donna Lampkin. They also wanted Judi Weldy's phone number, which Donna allowed them to copy from the KCFL Schedule.

The mother (grandmother) called Judi Weldy, thanked her for being there this morning and promised to call back when the baby is born. There were tears of joy among both the would be Tiller clients, and the KCFL Volunteers.

Conclusion:

All four of these situations did not qualify for a post-viability abortion under Kansas Law. Since pro-lifers are able to actually speak with a very small percentage of the women entering WHCS, the only reasonable conclusion is that other women receiving post-viability abortions also do not meet the legal exceptions. All late-term abortion records from WHCS from 2004-2007 must be examined to insure that viable babies are not being illegally aborted.