

Birmingham Pro-Life Community Calls for Immediate Closure of Last Abortion Clinic

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Birmingham, AL -- Not even six months after the closure of one dangerous Birmingham abortion facility —brought on by the careless injury of two female patients—yet another woman, Ms. Roberta Clark, has come forward and filed suit against the city's only remaining abortion clinic: Planned Parenthood.

In 2010, Planned Parenthood of Birmingham originally underwent investigation after Live Action President Lila Rose uncovered their regular practice of illegally providing abortions for minors and choosing to cover up statutory rape cases.

Planned Parenthood was placed under a one-year probation. The recent lawsuit filed against them by Ms. Clark details an incident that took place during this probationary period and creates the question of how it went unnoticed by the Alabama Department of the Public Health, which should have been closely monitoring the facility.

Of course, Lila Rose pleaded for a shut down in the original investigation, stating, “Sexually abused minors are being neglected by Planned Parenthood...These are outrageous violations of state law and the Alabama Health Department should revoke the Birmingham Planned Parenthood clinic license. Alabama legislators must also ensure that no tax money is funding Planned Parenthood's illicit activity.”

This further call to defund Planned Parenthood resounds nationwide, as Planned Parenthood constantly finds its way into the media and court system for non-compliance with state laws (including destruction of evidence), carelessly botched abortions and, more recently, the death of patients like 24-yr-old Tonya Reaves.

In July 2012, Reaves was left to hemorrhage to death for over five hours on a Planned Parenthood operating table in Chicago, after the abortionist unknowingly perforated her uterus. There is not even a record of a 911 call from the facility, and, by the time Reaves finally reached an emergency room, there was nothing doctors could do to save her life.

According to the lawsuit recently filed by Ms. Roberta Clark, Planned Parenthood of Birmingham exhibits the same dubious lack of care that cost Tonya Reaves her life in Chicago, as well as still openly refusing to follow Alabama state law.

Ms. Clark is suing Planned Parenthood and Dr. Umoren for failure to properly diagnose her ectopic pregnancy, negligent care in regards to that misdiagnosis, and failure to hire trained and licensed employees.

On August 20, 2010, Roberta Clark went into Planned Parenthood of Birmingham and received an ultrasound from untrained personnel. The employee informed Roberta that she was at a gestation of 8 weeks 4 days. California abortionist Dr. Aqua Don Emmanuel Umoren, who regularly performs abortions in Birmingham and Huntsville, followed with a pelvic exam that concurred with the ultrasound. He then performed a suction curettage abortion on Clark.

After 25 days, Ms. Clark was still experiencing nausea, bleeding, and vomiting. She arrived at the Princeton Medical Center Emergency room on September 14, 2010 where, after a physical examination and ultrasound, she was informed that she was at a 13-week gestation of an ectopic pregnancy in the left fallopian tube.

She was admitted for emergency surgery which, according to the lawsuit, ended in “the loss of the tube which resulted in infertility.”

“Umoren was either so incompetent that his manual exam failed to determine that she had no intrauterine pregnancy, or he lied on Clark’s chart,” says Pro-Life Nation President Troy Newman. “This ultimately placed Clark in a life-threatening situation. She was lucky to survive.”

Documents also show that Dr. Umoren failed to notify Ms. Clark that the tissue sample from her procedure on August 20, 2010—tested on the same day—showed no presence of fetal tissue. This would imply that, while Dr. Umoren knew he had performed an unsuccessful abortion, he chose not to inform Ms. Clark, placing her life, instead, in further danger.

Fr. Terry Gensemer, director of the Birmingham-based ministry CEC for Life says, “No one should be surprised by Planned Parenthood’s atrocious behavior. The abortion industry in Birmingham has absolutely no regard for the law or lives of the women they claim to help. Just as the Department of Public Health shut down the shoddy practices of the New Woman clinic last May, we ask that they also shut down Planned Parenthood for such practiced carelessness with women’s lives.”

Sue Turner of Alabama Physicians for Life also comments, “Planned Parenthood is always willing to hurt women to make money. It’s time to break that cycle, in Birmingham, and in our nation as a whole. It’s time shut down abortion centers that show plenty of concern for their profits, but none whatsoever for the health and safety of women.”

CEC For Life, Alabama Physicians for Life, Life Legal Defense Foundation, Live Action, and Pro-Life Nation are calling for the immediate shut down of this dangerous abortion facility.

Attorney Allison Aranda of Life Legal Defense Foundations states, “We will not relent until every shoddy abortion clinic that endangers women's lives is shut down. LLDF will file a request with the Alabama Department of Public Health, for all public records relating to the deficient operation of Planned Parenthood Birmingham and the botched abortion performed on Ms. Clark. We will also file a formal complaint against PPB for its continued deficient operations, while it was on probation with the ADPH. We are calling on the ADPH to revoke PPB's medical license to ensure that no more women are injured.”

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