**Anti-Abortion Violence Watch**

Reporting on Domestic Terrorism Against Women’s Health Clinics

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**Clinics Arsoned/Bombed 97/98**

- **Fayetteville, NC**
  - Hallmark Clinic & Carolina Women’s Clinic
  - No Arrests
  - September 8, 1998

- **Birmingham, AL**
  - New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic
  - Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect
  - January 29, 1998

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  - Commonwealth Women’s Clinic
  - J ames Mitchell sentenced to ten years
  - March 17, 1997

- **Bakersfield, CA**
  - Mountain Country Women’s Clinic
  - John Yankowski sentenced to 15 years
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- **Bozeman, MT**
  - Bozeman Women’s Health Care Clinic
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- **Tuscaloosa, AL**
  - West Alabama Women’s Center
  - No Arrests
  - May 7, 1997

- **Portland, OR**
  - All Women’s Health Services
  - No Arrests
  - October 19, 1997

- **Bakersfield, CA**
  - Northside Family Planning Associates Medical Clinic
  - Howard sentenced to 15 years
  - March 17, 1997

- **Greensboro, NC**
  - Peadmont-Carolina Medical Clinic
  - No Arrests
  - March 6, 1997

- **Tulsa, OK**
  - Reproductive Services
  - Alleva charged & teenage son convicted
  - January 1 & 19, 1997

- **Fayetteville, NC**
  - Hallmark Clinic
  - Carolina Women’s Clinic
  - No Arrests
  - October 19, 1997

- **Tulsa, OK**
  - Lovejoy Surgicenter
  - May 27, 1997

- **Yakima, WA**
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**Status of Investigations**

See reverse for details on incidents

September 8, 1998 • Fayetteville, NC
Hallmark Clinic & Carolina Women’s Clinic
No Arrests

April 1, 1998 • San Diego/ Riverside, CA
Pacific Beach Planned Parenthood
No Arrests

January 29, 1998 • Birmingham, AL
New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic
Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect

January 27, 1998 • San Antonio, TX
Planned Parenthood of San Antonio Southeast
No Arrests

October 19, 1997 • Portland, OR
All Women’s Health Services
No Arrests

July 22, 1997 • Tuscaloosa, AL
West Alabama Women’s Center
No Arrests

May 27, 1997 • Portland, OR
Lovejoy Surgicenter
No Arrests

May 7, 1997 • Yakima WA
Planned Parenthood Central WA
No Arrests

April 2, 1997 • Bozeman, MT
Mountain Country Women’s Clinic
John Yankowski sentenced to 15 years

March 17, 1997 • Bakersfield, CA
Family Planning Associates Medical Clinic
Peter Howard sentenced to 15 years

March 7, 1997 • North Hollywood, CA
Family Planning Associates
No Arrests

March 6, 1997 • Greensboro, NC
Peadmont-Carolina Medical Clinic
No Arrests

February 18, 1997 • Falls Church, VA
Commonwealth Women’s Clinic
James Mitchell sentenced to ten years

January 16, 1997 • Atlanta, GA
Northside Family Planning
No Arrests

January 1 & 19, 1997 • Tulsa, OK
Reproductive Services
Greg Paul, Diane Dona Alleva charged & teenage son convicted

**Bombs Found Outside Two N.C. Clinics**

Two bombs were found outside women’s healthcare clinics in Fayetteville, North Carolina Saturday, October 3. The two bombs were found within minutes of each other. An employee unlocking the Carolina Women’s Clinic saw the device at the door of the building and called 911 at 9:05am. A minute earlier, a worker pouring concrete at a convenience store next to the Hallmark Clinic saw a device propped on a window sill after hearing a ticking sound. Military bomb squads were able to disarm both devices before they exploded. The bombs were constructed of what appeared to be about six sticks of dynamite wrapped with black electrical tape attached to a kitchen timer according to witnesses.

The same two clinics just last month were the targets of arson attempts. Early on the morning of September 8, a Molotov cocktail was tossed onto the roof of the Hallmark Clinic. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the roof and ceiling of the building which suffered minimal damage. Less than an hour later, firefighters were called to the Carolina Women’s Clinic where a small fire had been set outside the back door of the clinic.

Authorities noted the escalation in danger posed by the attempted bombings. The fires were set in the early morning hours when no one would be on the property and the fires were likely to cause damage only to property. The bombs were discovered during the day when people could have been injured or killed had the bombs exploded.

Law enforcement officials believe the most recent attacks are the work of the same individual/s. Police are on the lookout for a white man in his forties with gray hair and bags under his eyes. He was driving a full-size, older model pick-up truck.

There have been 18 women’s health clinic bombings or arsons since January 1997.
Anti-Abortion Actions Planned

**Various States • September 17-29, 1998**

**Operation Rescue West** plans to hold demonstrations in 20 cities in 5 states during its’ "Show the Truth Tour."

**September 17**
Ventura, CA - Planned Parenthood
Santa Barbara, CA - City Community College

**September 18**
Salinas, CA - Planned Parenthood
Santa Cruz, CA - Ocean St. & Broadway

**September 19**
Concord, CA - Planned Parenthood
Menlo Park, CA - El Camino & Ravenswood

**September 21**
Portland, OR - McLoughlin & Holgate
Olympia, WA - Capital High School
Olympia, WA - Sound Choice Health Center

**September 22**
Renton, WA - Cedar River Clinic
Seattle, WA - Medical & Wellness Clinic
Edmonds, WA - Edmonds Woodway High School

**September 23**
Yakima, WA - A Woman’s Choice Clinic
Kennewick, WA - Planned Parenthood

**September 24**
Boise, ID - Milwaukee & Fairview

**September 25**
Reno, NV - Virginia & 4th St.

**September 26**
Sacramento, CA—Pregnancy Consultation Ctr
Sacramento, CA—Planned Parenthood
Sacramento, CA—Feminist Women’s Health Ctr
Sacramento, CA—Trinity Church

**September 28**
Stockton, CA—Pacific & March
Stockton, CA—Stockton Pregnancy Control Ctr
Modesto, CA—Briggsmore & McHenry

**September 29**
Fresno, CA—Tulare Ave Exit off HWY 41
Bakersfield, CA—25th & H Street

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Terrorist Attacks on Abortion Providers:
Murders, Attempted Murders & Kidnappings

Granite City, IL - August 1982. Dr. Hector Zevallos and his wife were kidnapped at gun-point by members of the “Army of God” and held hostage for over a week.

Springfield, MO – December 1991. A masked gunman shot and paralyzed a clinic worker. A second person was wounded in the attack. No arrests have been made.

Houston, TX – 1991. Dr. Karpen was shot and wounded outside his clinic. Assailant was never apprehended.

Pensacola, FL – March 10, 1993. Dr. David Gunn was shot and killed while entering a clinic during an anti-abortion demonstration by Rescue America. Michael Griffin was sentenced to life.

Wichita, Kansas – August 19, 1993. Dr. George Tiller was shot in both arms at point-blank range by Rachelle “Shelley” Shannon as he was leaving his clinic. Shannon was sentenced to 11 years.

Pensacola, FL – July 29, 1994. Paul Hill murders Dr. John Bayard Britton outside the Ladies Center Clinic. A pro-choice volunteer clinic escort James Barrett, is also killed, and pro-choice volunteer June Barrett is wounded in the attack.

Vancouver, Canada – November 8, 1994. Dr. Garson Romalis was shot and severely wounded in the leg by a sniper with a high powered rifle shooting through the window of Romalis' home.

Brookline, MA – December 30, 1994. John Salvi shot and killed Planned Parenthood receptionist Shannon Lowney. Going to a second clinic, he shot and killed receptionist Leanne Nichols. Five others were wounded in the attacks. Salvi then drove to a clinic in Norfolk, VA and was arrested after repeatedly shooting outside the clinic trying to gain entrance. Salvi killed himself while serving a life sentence.

Ancaster, Ontario – November 10, 1995. Dr. Hugh Short was shot in the elbow by a sniper using a high-powered rifle to shoot through the window of Short’s home.

New Orleans, LA – December 1996. Dr. C. Jackson was brutally stabbed 15 times outside his clinic. The assailant was then arrested at a Baton Rouge clinic as he lay in wait for another doctor.

Atlanta, GA – January 16, 1997. Two bombs explode at Northside Family Planning. The first bomb destroyed the clinic interior, and the second bomb, an anti-personnel device, went off an hour later injuring Seven. Three weeks later a similar double bombing occurred at an area lesbian nightclub, injuring five people. The "Army of God" has claimed credit for both bombings. Bomber(s) remain at large.

Winnipeg, Canada – November 11, 1997. Dr. Jack Fainman was shot by a sniper with a high powered rifle while in his home. Missing his heart by only inches, the bullet tore through his shoulder.

Research on some of the key anti-abortion extremists indicates that the individuals who advocate and perpetrate violence are in contact with each other and appear to coordinate in targeting reproductive health care centers and abortion providers. Anti-abortion extremist groups and individuals communicate in part through a network of publications, telephone hotlines, and the Internet. The Internet has provided extremists with a rapid, more widespread vehicle to share information. Some of the Internet sites discuss, advocate or report on violence against reproductive health centers and doctors.

An example of one of the most extreme sites is the Christian Gallery located at www.christiangallery.com. The web site houses links to several anti-abortion sites including the Nuremberg Files. The Nuremberg Files site lists and collects biographical data on doctors, clinic workers, law enforcement and abortion rights supporters. The authors collect this data in hopes of "trying" these individuals "when abortion is outlawed" in a trial modeled after the post-war Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals. Doctors are featured along with their home and office addresses, commuting routes to their homes, photos of the doctors, their clinics and the vehicles they drive. The blood dripping pages of this site request users to provide additional personal information about doctors and clinic personnel.

In the latest update to the Nuremberg Files web site, biographical data on doctors and clinic owners from Florida have been added. These additions come within months of a rash of butyric acid attacks on central and southern Florida clinics and another website's fictionalized account of "Army of God" bombings of Florida clinics.
Recent Clinic Violence Incidents

Arsons/Attempted Arsons

**Fayetteville, NC • September 8, 1998**
A Molotov cocktail was tossed onto the roof of the Hallmark Clinic at 1:30am. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the roof and ceiling of the building. About an hour later, firefighters were called to the Carolina Women’s Clinic where a small fire was set.

**Sacramento, CA • April 30, 1997**
An arson occurred at Planned Parenthood Central CA’s Sacramento Central Clinic. Troy Waltz and Robert Waltz from 1992 to 1995. He was sentenced to 7 years in prison for arson attacks against 7 women’s healthcare clinics in California.

**Bozeman, MT • April 2, 1997**
John Yankowski was arrested for setting fire to the building housing the office of Dr. Susan Wicklund. Damage was estimated at $2,000.

**Portland, OR • October 19, 1997**
An arson occurred at All Women’s Health Services just before midnight. Cardboard was taken from the dumpster, placed next to the building and set on fire. Damages were estimated to be $5,000.

**Tuscaloosa, AL • July 22, 1997**
West Alabama Women’s Center sustained $250,000 in damages, after a firebombing gutted the interior of the building. A flammable petroleum-based liquid and a lighted flare were dropped down a roof vent.

**Portland, OR • May 27, 1997**
Lovejoy Surgicenter, a target of protests and violence, was set on fire suffering $250,000 in damage, after receiving several bomb threats from 5/17-19. Similar threats were made at other Pacific Northwest clinics.

**Yakima, WA • May 7, 1997**
Attempted arson at Planned Parenthood Central WA’s Yakima Family Planning Clinic.

**Bozeman, MT • April 2, 1997**
John Yankowski was arrested for setting fire to the building housing the office of Dr. Susan Wicklund. Damage estimated at $2,000.

**North Hollywood, CA • March 7, 1997**
A “Molotov Cocktail” was thrown through a window at the Family Planning Assoc. Medical Group causing $1,000 in damage.

**Greensboro, NC • March 6, 1997**
The Piedmont-Carolina Medical clinic was set on fire causing $50,000 in damage.

**Fall Church, VA • February 18, 1997**
James Mitchell was sentenced to 10 years for setting a Fall Church abortion clinic on fire causing an estimated $25,000 in damages.

**Bombaing/Attempted Bombings**

**Fayetteville, NC • October 3, 1998**
Two bombs constructed of dynamite and timing devices were disarmed before they exploded at the Hallmark Clinic and the Carolina Women’s Clinic. These same clinics were the target of attempted arson a month earlier.

**Birmingham, AL • January 29, 1998**
An anti-personnel device packed with nails exploded at the New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic, killing a security guard and seriously injuring a clinic nurse. The bomb was disguised as a potted plant. The Army of God has claimed responsibility in letters sent to two media outlets in Atlanta. The clinic interior was damaged and windows were broken, but the clinic was able to reopen within a week.

**Louiseville, KY • January 8, 1998**
A clinic received a hoax bomb in the mail disguised as a video tape. The Christmas-paper wrapped package contained bomb components including PVC pipe, batteries and wire.

**Little Rock, AR • September 25, 1997**
Three women’s clinics were targets of bomb hoaxes as President Clinton visited the city. At two clinics, Ryder trucks were parked outside, blocking their driveways. Police bomb squads responded, along with the ATF and FBI. A third clinic had its locks tampered with.

**Bakersfield, CA • March 17, 1997**
Peter Andrew Howard was arrested after driving a truck loaded with 13 gas cans and 3 propane tanks into the Family Planning Associates Clinic. Howard tried to ignite a fire, but was interrupted by a clinic security guard.

**Atlanta, GA • January 16, 1997**
Two bombs were set off at Northside Family Planning Services. The first bomb destroyed most of the interior of the clinic. The second bomb, an anti-personnel device, was placed near the parking lot and appeared to be designed to kill rescue workers, law enforcement personnel, and clinic staff forced outside the building. Seven were injured in the second blast, including five law enforcement officials. On February 21, a similar double-bombing was attempted at a lesbian night club. Five people were injured in the first explosion; the second device was discovered and exploded while a robot attempted to disarm it. A few days later, a letter from the “Army of God” sent to Atlanta news agencies, claimed credit for both the February 21 and January 16 bombings. FBI believes the same bomber/s were involved in the 1996 Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta.

**Tulsa, Oklahoma • January 16-19, 1997**
Two separate bomb incidents at the Reproductive Services and Adoption Affiliates clinic caused damage to the interior of the building.

**Troy Waltz and Robert Waltz**
Two brothers charged in a series of bank and supermarket robberies, are also the first charged in South Carolina under the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Troy Waltz and Robert Waltz were indicted for tossing a hoax bomb through the window of the Charleston Women’s clinic on July 20 in order to divert authorities’ attention from a planned bank robbery.

**Sacramento, California • April 28, 1997**
Richard Thomas Andrews was sentenced to 7 years in prison for arson attacks against 7 family planning clinics in California, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming from 1992 to 1995. He was ordered to pay $3,600 in restitution to the clinics that suffered losses, totaling more than $1 million.

**Sacramento, California • February 9, 1998**
Peter Andrew Howard was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his attempt to destroy a Family Planning Associates clinic in Bakersfield, California, after pleading guilty to attempted arson and use of an explosive device.

**Butyric Acid Attacks**

**Houston, TX • July 8, 1998**
4 women’s healthcare clinics in Houston were attacked with Butyric acid. 8 people were temporarily hospitalized.

**New Orleans, LA • July 6, 1998**
5 women’s healthcare clinics in New Orleans were attacked with Butyric acid over the holiday weekend. No one was injured.

**Central Florida/Miami • May 15-23, 1998**
10 women’s healthcare clinics in the Miami and the central Florida area were attacked with butyric acid in seven days.

**Arrests/Convictions**

**Missoula, MT • August, 1998**
John Yankowski was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for setting fire to the roof of the building which housed the Bridger Mountain Family Planning Clinic and the offices of Dr. Susan Wicklund, the only abortion provider in Bozeman, Montana.

**Charleston, SC • April 6, 1998**
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