Aborted Babies, Bio-Medical Waste and Patient Records Discovered in Detroit Area Clinic Trash Dumpsters

On Monday March 10, 2008 The State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with The Lathrup Village Police Department, seized the contents of a trash dumpster located in the alley behind Women’s Care abortion clinic, 28505 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, Michigan. Authorities were notified by pro-life activists who discovered aborted babies, numerous patient records and bio-hazardous waste material dumped in several waste containers behind Women’s Care abortion clinics owned and operated by Alberto Hodari, M.D.

Pro-lifers, including Monica Migliorino Miller, director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society, investigated the Women’s Care dumpsters beginning February 8 through March 2. On Thursday, March 6 representatives from the Michigan DEQ, accompanied by Sergeant Vince Lynch of the Lathrup Village Police Department, conducted a formal investigation of trash retrieved from the Women’s Care dumpsters that were in safe-keeping at Miller’s property. The bio-hazardous waste was removed from the property by the DEQ and the aborted babies were taken to a funeral home for burial. In addition to Hodari’s Lathrup Village clinic, aborted babies and trash were retrieved from his Southgate and Sterling Heights clinics.

The numerous trash bags contained easily recognizable fetal body parts, blood-drenched surgical paper, IV bags with sharps, used syringes, bloody suction canulas, dozens of glass medical vials, condoms, condom wrappers, used laminaria sticks, bloody gauze and plastic gloves. Over 200 patient records were discovered that included the names of the clients, date of birth, telephone numbers, addresses, type of exam or medical procedure including abortions, gestational age of the baby, amount paid for the abortion, insurance records, lab reports, applications for abortion loans and a few signed patient consent forms and recovery room forms.

Consent forms for “Early Abortion” were discovered that show Woman’s Care’s willingness to perform abortions on women who may not be pregnant. Several lawsuits have been filed against Hodari and three women have died as a result of complications to abortions performed at Women’s Care clinics.

It is likely that Hodari will be charged with several counts of violating the Michigan State regulatory codes for improper waste disposal and as well as criminal statutes governing patient records.

Migliorino Miller states: “When we went to Hodari’s dumpsters our mission was to find aborted babies and provide them with humane burials. We never expected to discover patient records and all the hideous bio-hazardous waste that was routinely thrown into the trash. Finding the Hodari babies is enormously distressing, but this injustice is compounded by Hodari’s reckless disregard for community health standards. We call for a thorough investigation of Hodari’s clinics and the revocation of his license.”

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