

Citizens for a Pro-life Society

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DEQ Makes Irresponsible Decision in Abortion Trash Dumpster Case

Hodari Receives No Penalty for dumping Biohazardous Waste On March 25, 2008. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality sent a letter to Alberto Hodari, owner of five Woman Care abortion clinics in Michigan, ordering him to “retrain his employees” on how to properly dispose of bio-hazardous waste material.

The DEQ has issued no fines and no penalties. “The DEQ’s response to Hodari’s violations of Michigan state regulations is woefully inadequate, even a dereliction of duty” states Monica Migliorino Miller director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society. “Basically the DEQ is giving Hodari and his horrific violation of law a pass.

We hope that the public, especially the cities where his clinics are located, will complain to the DEQ about it!. Hodari showed no concern for the health and safety of the community, no concern for the privacy of his patients. Human remains were thrown into the trash and this is all the DEQ is going to do about it? It’s outrageous!”

Pro-lifers, including members of Miller’s group, discovered bio-hazardous waste, numerous patient records and the remains of more than fifteen aborted babies in the dumpsters of Hodari’s abortion clinics. The dumpsters at Woman Care clinics in Lathrup Village, Sterling Heights and Southgate were monitored from February 8, 2008 through March 2, 2008. Miller and others discovered remains of aborted babies, bloody suction gauze tubing used in abortions, blood drenched surgical paper, dozens of glass medicine vials, used syringes, IV bags with tubing and sharps, numerous condoms and condom wrappers probably used for ultra-sounds, bloody surgical gloves, dozens of bloody suction canulas used in abortions and over 200 patient records.

Miller’s group mounted a video on You Tube that records their March 2, 2008 discovery of bio-hazardous waste and finding of aborted babies in Hodari’s Lathrup Village dumpster. On March 6, 2008 the DEQ and Lathrup Village police conducted an investigation of the waste material Miller turned over to authorities. On March 10, 2008 they also conducted their own search of the Lathrup Village trash dumpster and found bio-hazardous waste material.

The DEQ defends its inaction by claiming that Hodari’s violation was a one-time, isolated instance. Miller explains: “This is not true. And the DEQ knows it’s not true! We gave them evidence of violations that we discovered on February 24th and March 2nd. Furthermore we gave them evidence of violations at other Hodari abortion clinics—not just the one in Lathrup Village. There’s no question that Hodari violated the law multiple times and probably has been doing this for years.”

Oakland County may still charge Hodari for the improper disposal of patient records—a misdemeanor offense.

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