

UPDATED 6:30 P.M.

LANSING – State Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge, plans a news conference Wednesday to announce that 17 aborted fetuses were found in a dumpster outside an abortion clinic in Delta Township and to unveil legislation to ensure the proper disposal of fetuses.

Jones will be joined by a Michigan resident, Chris Veneklase, who allegedly discovered the fetuses Feb. 26. Dr. Monica Miller, director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, will also participate.

The anti-abortion group says in a news release that trash dumpsters were searched outside the WomansChoice Clinic in Delta Township and a sister clinic in Saginaw. It retrieved medical waste and patient records, and says they weren't properly disposed, violating patient confidentiality and proper medical standards.

A message was left with WomansChoice Clinic seeking comment. No one was immediately available.

An investigation into the Delta Township clinic and an affiliated clinic in Saginaw County found no violations of the public health code, according to Joy Yearout, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Attorney General's Office.

A complaint was filed in April, and the investigation concluded this month, Yearout said. Agencies involved included the Attorney General's Office, the Eaton County Prosecutor's Office and sheriff's departments in both counties.

Neither Jones nor Citizens for a Pro-Life Society indicated whether they think laws were broken.

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