Dorothy M. Carr (right) was surprised to find out from Colleen Fettig, that both women face charges of kidnapping for taking an 18-year-old woman to have an abortion she claims she did not want.

Oregon women charged in forced abortion

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Amity, OR — Three Oregon women have been charged in a bizarre case of a forced abortion.

Two of the women, Dorothy M. Carr, 55, and Colleen Fettig, 33, are employees of the Amity School District and are charged with kidnapping and other offenses for taking an unnamed 18-year-old high school student during school hours to Lovejoy abortuary in Portland.

A third woman, Cynthia K. Frye, 37, who is Carr's daughter and a registered nurse, faces related charges.

According to reports, Carr, who is the grandmother of the unborn child's 17-year-old father, illegally removed the young woman from the school, conspired to alter school attendance records to show that the girl was in school and, later, tried to persuade her grandson to lie to the grand jury about the incident. She also is alleged to have given Valium to the young woman and is charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

Fettig faces charges of kidnapping and tampering with school records.

"This is ridiculous," said Carr after hearing of the charges. "I'm not guilty of anything."

The case first came to the attention of authorities in February when a person only identified as "a parent" notified George D. Lanning, Superintendent of the Amity School District, who reported it to local law enforcement agencies.

Amity Police Chief Jim France asked the state police rather than the sheriff's office to investigate the complaint because the young woman's father works as a corrections officer under the sheriff's department.

Just days after her arraignment, Carr, a teacher's aide, was fired by the school district for lying to school authorities about whether the girl had been taken and the records changed. When confronted with the evidence, Carr admitted that the student had been taken out of school. Her appeal to the school board was unanimously rejected.

According to the indictment, Carr and Fettig took the young woman out of school on January 11 to get an abortion — meeting her a block from the school after having called the school saying that Carr's grandson had a dental appointment.

After picking up the couple, Carr stopped at an automatic teller machine for $200 which had earlier been transferred from the grandson's account.

If convicted on all charges, Carr faces up to six years in prison; Fettig, six years; and Frye, for witness tampering, 90 days in jail. ■

Dorothy M. Carr (left) and Colleen Fettig leave the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville after being booked on kidnapping charges.

Chaya Temima Patanelli, 40, is wheeled in to court. She had refused to walk as part of her protest

Baby Jane Doe C identified, released after 14 months

Camden County, NJ — Back in March of 1993, Judge Fred Levin thought it was just a game. Several rescuers, who had driven cars to block the entrances of the local abortuary, would not identify themselves.

But it was no game — especially for Baby Jane Doe C, prisoner number 2447-93.

Of the three who initially would not identify themselves, she alone remained in jail almost 14 months later.

It wasn't until then that Baby Jane Doe C was finally identified as Chaya Temima Panatelli.

Three men and two women were arrested during the March 1993 rescue. Two rescuers had locked themselves to the undercarriage of the car while Panatelli chained herself to the steering wheel. It took police and firefighters more than three hours to remove them and they had to break through the right front window in order to reach Panatelli.

Judge Levin refused to try the women until they were identified.

After several days, the three men identified themselves and were released. The other woman, Deborah Smaldore, 24, of Haddon Heights, New Jersey, was identified through police records several months ago.

During their stay, both refused to cooperate with authorities and had to be taken by wheelchair to the courtroom — where they continued to refuse to give their names.

Levin repeatedly cited them for contempt of court.

"Your conduct is not only offensive, but it obstructs the administration of justice," he said at one hearing.

Panatelli simply said she was praying for the judge.

Once Panatelli was identified, she was brought before the judge for trial. She was found guilty and sentenced to a $350 fine which was suspended because of her time in jail and she was ordered to pay court costs of $150.

Abortion enthusiasts complained bitterly about the cost to the taxpayers for Panatelli's incarceration, which, at $55 per day, is estimated to have cost $22,000.

But Panatelli's view of the jail time was more philosophical. She said she could not go back on the vow she had made to God to remain nameless and identify fully with the unborn victims of abortion.

"It's a commitment I've made," she said. "I don't break my promise to God. Whatever it costs me, I gave my word and I'll stick to it." ■

Target, Christian musicians targeted by pro-life group

Life Decisions International (LDI), a group devoted to cutting ties with Planned Parenthood, has, over the last two years, attempted to alert Christian musicians Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith that Target stores with whom they both have extensive contractual ties, is a subsidiary of the mammoth Planned Parenthood supporter Dayton-Hudson.

Target retained endorsement services of the two singers and sponsored the Dove Awards, an April 28 awards ceremony for Christian artists put on by the Gospel Music Association (GMA).

LDI's objective, Director Patricia Bainbridge explained, was not to get the singers to break all ties but rather to encourage them to use whatever influence they might to change the corporate policy of supporting abortion.

For her trouble, apparently the agents for Grant and Smith, Blanton/Harrell Inc., whom Bainbridge contacted on the matter, has sent a threat of lawsuit for LDI's "direct and veiled threats to harm or damage the name and reputation of Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith."

Blanton & Harrell, in correspondence, noted that the singers "are aware of the Dayton-Hudson's one-year $18,000 donation to Planned Parenthood" and alleged that the donation was "for educational purposes only."

"LDI's exhaustive research shows, however, that the donations were much more substantial — a 10-year total of nearly $200,000.

Dan Harrell, brother-in-law to Grant and partner in Blanton & Harrell, stated to *World* magazine that it was not "my position to judge" Planned Parenthood but lumped LDI with "weird lunatics whose obnoxious behavior is repulsive."

He further said that "people like this [are] more immoral than the immorality they accuse us of."

Bainbridge also contacted Bruce Kobish, executive director of GMA about the Target sponsorship.

"Please consider what you are doing by aligning your organization with such a group as Planned Parenthood," she wrote.

GMA's response shed no new light on the controversy. ■