"Dr. Death" Attorney Files Suit Against AFLM

Attendants at Death Refuse to Testify

Attorneys Jon Marcus (L) and Geoffrey Feiger flank Cheryl Gale and Jack Kevorkian after all refused to testify at coroner's inquest.

Wayne County, MI—On March 22, Geoffery Feiger, the flamboyant attorney for Jack "Dr. Death" Kevorkian, filed suit against Advocates for Life Ministries, originators of the Stop Kevorkian Project, on behalf of Cheryl Gale, wife of Kevorkian's thirteenth victim, Hugh Gale. Lynn Mills, Andrew Burnett, Pat Mahoney, Oakland County, and Richard Thompson, the Oakland County prosecutor, are co-defendants in the complaint.

On the same day, all those present at Hugh Gale's death refused to testify at a coroner's inquest which was to look into the circumstances of the death. All stood on their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

The judge ruled that Fifth Amendment protection was available in coroner's inquests.

McComb County prosecutor, Carl Marlinga, though disappointed by the decision, was permitted to depose two of the witnesses—Cheryl Gale and Neal Nicol, a Kevorkian "technical assistant" in the suicide procedure. It was still unclear as of the beginning of April whether charges would be filed in the Hugh Gale death.

Cheryl Gale's suit against AFLM and others was distributed to the press by Feiger before and after the inquest. The complaint read much like Feiger's customary diatribes against the Stop Kevorkian Project participants and was replete with name-calling and dragged in irrelevant issues like the defendants' opposition to abortion.

The suit alleges that the recovery of the "Final Action" document from Nicol's garbage and the subsequent exposure of the document in the press resulted in "extreme embarrassment, humiliation, shock," and "mortification" because Cheryl Gale was being seen as a murderer or an accessory to murder.

"Our position," said AFLM Executive Director, Andrew Burnett, "is that we just brought in the evidence and were perfectly willing to let the courts decide if she was guilty of anything."

The complaint has yet to be served on AFLM or Andrew Burnett, but the AFLM response will be determined when the proper procedures have been completed. Several who have seen the documents have commented that Feiger's rambling attack and attempt to squelch First Amendment guarantees of free speech may not be viewed kindly by the court.

"This complaint clearly crosses the line," said one commentator. "The name-calling in here may get the pleading stricken and result in sanctions against Mr. Feiger." ■

Aline Reyes

McComb County Prosecutor, Carl Marlinga

PORTLAND-BASED STOP KEVORKIAN PROJECT OFFICE OPENS IN DETROIT

Detroit, MI—In the wake of the discovery and public disclosure of a "Final Action" document, Jack Kevorkian has ceased killing his "patients." Prior to the document's discovery, Kevorkian was killing an average of one or two people per week.

In addition to the publicity surrounding the document, Advocates for Life Ministries has opened a field office in the Detroit area in order to coordinate and maintain surveillance of the man known as "Dr. Death."

Tim Fix, a Royal Oak native who grew up just blocks from Kevorkian's apartment, is the director of operations at the Stop Kevorkian Project office.

"We hope we can keep him from doing another killing," said Fix.

Meanwhile, Kevorkian, through his attorney, at one time said he would not kill until a decision was made on the ACLU's suit (which seeks to enjoin the state from enforcing the new anti-assisted suicide law, which would make Kevorkian's actions a felony punishable by imprisonment).

At another time, however, Kevorkian's attorney, a flamboyant media-seeker by the name of Geoffrey Fieger, stated that there would be another killing "within 10 days," though that deadline passed without incident.

"We'll stay in the Detroit area as long as funds permit," said AFLM's Andrew Burnett. "We hope, by then, that there will be a self-sustaining local group to take up the work." ■

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Geoffrey Fieger (L) confronts Tim Fix, field director of the SKP during a picket of his office.

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Maria Bludworth was questioned and threatened with arrest for "stalking" shortly after Dr. Death filed a complaint with the Royal Oak Police Department.

"Joe Scheidler" Tactic Turns Pro-Kevorkian Rally into Media Coup for Pro-lifers

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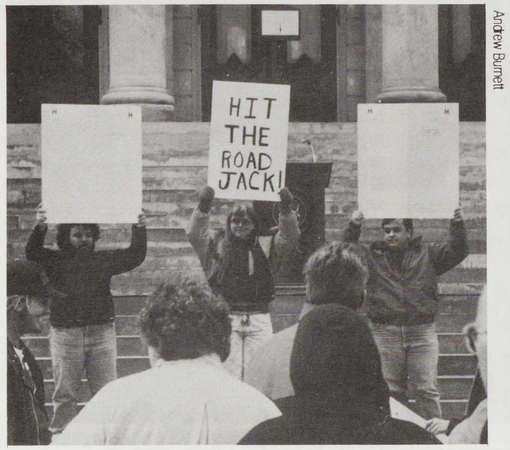

The pro-euthanasia rally at Lansing was going well until shortly after the concluding remarks, when Debbie Schrock, joined by the "Burrito Brothers," Nick and Steve, did a little rallying of their own.

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Pandamonium broke out as pro-death advocates attempted to cover the counter-protesters signs, while Capitol Security insisted everyone move off the steps.

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In the ensuing media frenzy, the pro-lifers did no less than two dozen interviews, which gave some balance to the news coverage of the event.