Milwaukee pro-lifers expose judge George Greene as a pro-abort just before the election. Greene lost. Lee Macaulay

Judge Greene exposed, loses election

by Michael Skott

Milwaukee, WI—Election day in Wisconsin was Tuesday, April 5. It was also the day that Milwaukee County Circuit Judge George Greene's harsh treatment in sentencing pro-life Christians caught up with him.

Greene's sentencing record was researched by Christians after he had given six non-violent rescuers six months in jail for one count of obstructing an officer. This was two-thirds of the maximum sentence and was handed down to all six. Even though this was some of the defendants' first rescue ever, all got the same sentence.

Back on June 26, 1993 Christians sat in front of a police vehicle that was about to whisk notorious circuit riding abortionist Bernie Smith over from his hotel room to the Affiliated abortion mill. Smith was delayed two hours by this tactic and it gave sidewalk counselors extra time to minister to moms. Two decided to keep their children. The obstruction charge grew out of this rescue.

Research showed these Christians would have fared better if they would have been tried for theft. 0f the 19 cases before Green only one earned 45 days in jail, another 20 days, eleven got probation.

Narcotics charges were similarly treated. Of a possible six month maximum sentence, nearly half of the 18 cases had an average $275 fine. The worst jail sentence was 2 1/2 months.

Of 17 assault cases before Green, ten got probation. Six months was the worst jail sentence for one person, the average sentence being 80 days.

An Expose the Darkness March was held in Judge Green's neighborhood to call attention to his unfairness sentencing. About 70 Christians showed up on Maundy Thursday, setting aside Holy Week observances that night. After an opening prayer by Pastor Ted Groves the march commenced.

Someone asked which of the posh, suburban homes was the Judge's, it was easily identified by the row of Fox Point police officers in front of it as the marchers turned the corner onto his street. The local ABC-TV affiliate showed up to film the event and play it on the evening news.

The Milwaukee Journal quoted Greene as saying he wouldn't be there for the march, he and his family would be out having a "nice dinner". It went on to say "Greene says that the picketing is an attempt to intimidate him, but that he would not be intimidated."

On election day Kitty Brennan defeated Greene, who was appointed by Governor Tommy Thompson to fill a vacancy on the bench, by a decisive 60 percent of the vote.

"I guess pro-lifers won't have to be accused of 'intimidating' George Greene anymore," noted a local pro-life leader. ■

Picketers present to expose botched abortion

Ithaca, NY — A planned picket by a coalition of New York pro-life groups coincided with a botched abortion at a local Planned Parenthood clinic.

The group began their picket on the morning of April 8, Holocaust Remembrance Day, for prayer.

"We wanted the public to know that Planned Parenthood is not a 'health center' but the operators of a human butcher shop," said one of the organizers.

During the picket, an ambulance and an Emergency Medical Technician vehicle, lights and sirens going, pulled up suddenly to the tan home that houses the abortuary. Attendants from both rushed inside.

Commenting on the presence of the ambulances, Betsy Crane, Planned Parenthood Director, said, "We're a health care facility and from time to time they provide backup help we need."

Crane would not say whether the call for the ambulance was abortion-related.

Later, a woman, who according to observers was about four-months pregnant, was wheeled out on a stretcher. She was taken to an emergency room of a local hospital where another doctor finished the abortion.

"This is something that happens all the time at these abortion mills," said Sara Jo Mendez, one of the picket organizers. "Abortion is a money-making industry."

Planned Parenthood, by state law, is only allowed to perform abortions up to the third month. If the abortion attempt had been made on a woman four-months pregnant, it would have been illegal.

Picketers later learned that a woman abortionist in the clinic had botched the abortion.

The picket was the first in "a long time" according to Crane.

Mendez hopes to start a weekly presence at the mill. ■

Picketers hold a banner outside an Ithaca, New York abortuary just moments before the arrival of two ambulances to pick up a botched abortion patient.

Emergency Medical Technicians load an abortion customer in an ambulance outside a Planned Parenthood abortuary in Ithaca, New York.