Abortionist shooting spurs another to quit

Norfolk, VA — One of three abortionists at the only abortion clinic in Hampton Roads says he will resign.

For three years Michael Girtlschmid, whose only medical practice was performing abortions, wore a bulletproof vest and carried a gun to the Hillcrest Clinic on East Little Creek Road where he did 5,000 abortions a year — but no more. After the news about the slain abortionist John Britton, the pressure has become too much.

A self-described "thrill seeker" who races cars, sky-dives, and deep-sea dives, Girtlschmid says, "I would rather die jumping out of a plane than have somebody kill me."

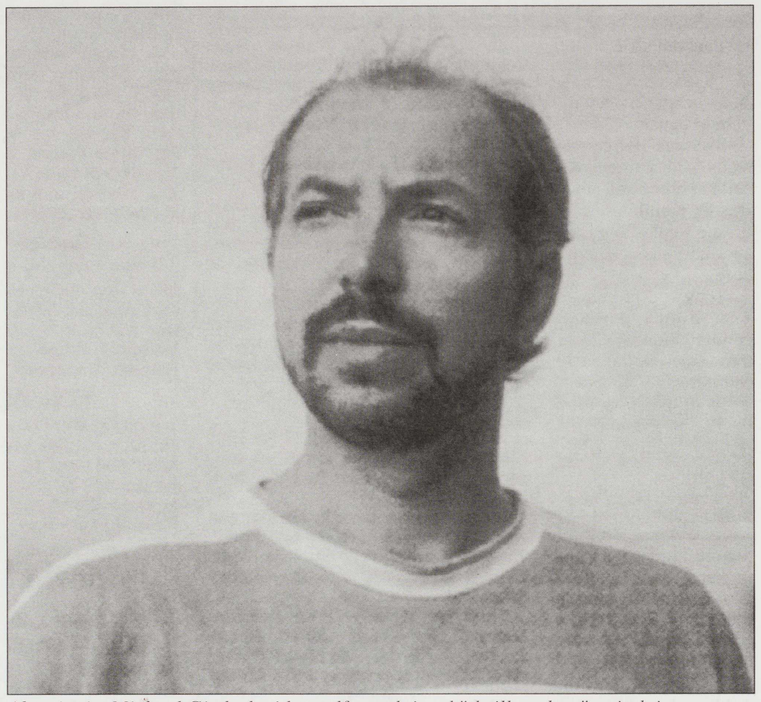
He added almost as a jab at those abortion enthusiasts who denounced his decision, "It's my choice."

Girtlschmid is the third Hampton Roads abortionist to quit since the shooting of abortionist David Gunn in March of 1993 outside a Florida abortion clinic.

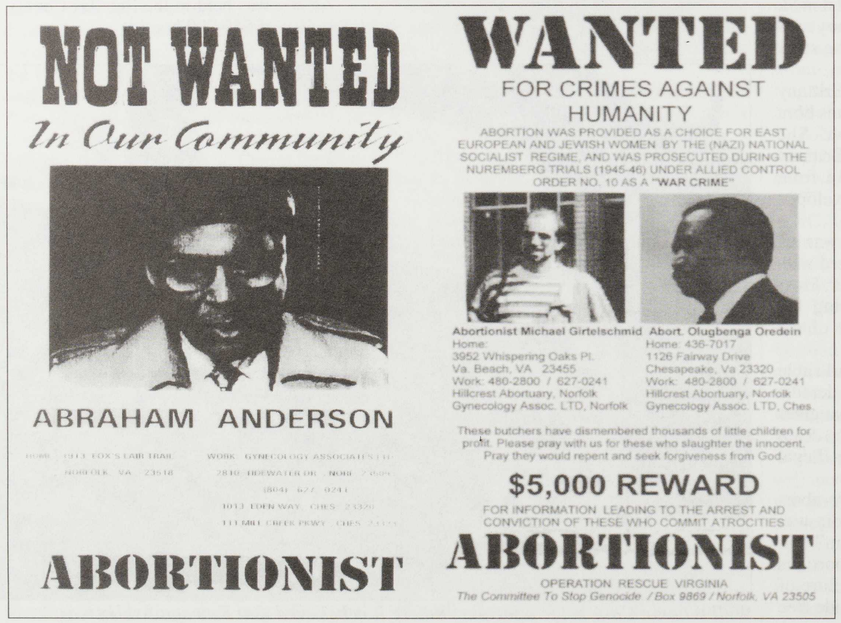
Abraham Anderson, who became a target of pickets by Operation Rescue Virginia (now Citizens for Life) lead by David Crane, tendered his resignation in July of 1993. Abortionist Olugbenga Oredein resigned two months later.

Girtlschmid had quit once before but later resumed the practice.

Citizens for Justice regularly picketed Girtlschmid's home and mailed out hundreds of yellow posters to physician's offices and about 100 to Girtlschmid's neighbors depicting the abortionist as a war criminal.



Abortionist Michael Girtlschmid, a self-proclaimed "thrill-seeker," quit doing abortions and says he'd rather die sky-diving.



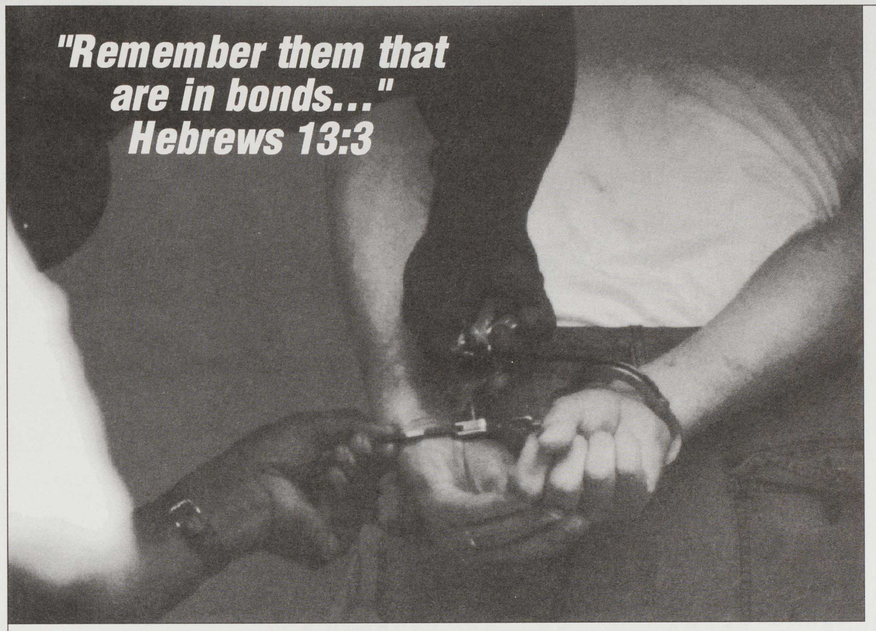
Pro-lifers produced these posters which helped drive three abortionists out of business.

Similar posters had been used in the campaigns to get Anderson and Oredein to quit.

"I should say that the anti-abortion campaign is working," said Clinic Director Bonnie DeAngelis. "One day our daughters and granddaughters will not have a choice. It will be legal but the choice will not be available."

Crane said he was glad to hear of Girtlschmid's decision and hoped it was true that he has quit doing abortions entirely. "If he has," he said, "it's an answer to our prayers."

David Crane, director of Citizens for Justice, claims that, according to the Virginia Department of Vital Statistics, there has been a 19% drop in the abortion rate in the Norfolk area between 1989, when the organization began, and 1992. The state-wide abortion rate dropped 13% during the same time period. ■



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In since: June, 1982
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Address: Federal Correction Facility
Housing Unit 389
P.O. Box 200
White Deer, PA 17887

Prisoner: Curt A. Beseda
In since: 1984
Sentence: 20 years
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P.O. Box 3000
Anthony, TX-NM 88021

Prisoner: Michael Griffin
In since: March 10, 1993
Sentence: Life
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Baker Correctional Inst.
Box 500
Olusted, FL 32072

Prisoner: Dan Gibson
In since: August 10, 1992
Sentence: 37 months
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R.C.C.
P.O. Box 7010
Chillicothe, OH 45601

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L.C.F.
P.O. Box 2
Lansing, KS 66043

Prisoner: Bryan Longworth
In since: August, 1993
Sentence: 2 years
Address: Youth for America National
P.O. Box 18484
Milwaukee, WI 53218

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Nottoway Correction Center
Box 488
Burkeville, VA 23922

Prisoner: Danny Bramwell
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 3 years
Address: Rockingham County Jail
99 N Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

Prisoner: Sean Brogan
In since: April, 1993
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P.O. Box 149
Dedham, MA 02026

Prisoner: Marjorie Reed
In since: October, 1990
Sentence: 10 years
Address: #41201-060
P.O. Box 7006
Marianna, FL 32447-7006

Prisoner: Richard Czekaj
In since: May 1994
Sentence: 1 Year
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P.O. Box 86164
Terminal Annex
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0964

Prisoner: Ron Brock
In since: June, 1994
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Address: Waukesha County Jail
P.O. Box 1488
Waukesha, WI 53187

Prisoner: Jim Soderna
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Prisoner: Ann Franczek
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Milwaukee, WI 53233

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Milwaukee, WI 53233

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P.O.B 7000
Carson City, NV 89702

Prisoner: Paul Hill
In since: July, 1994
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Escambia Co. Jail
Box 17789
Pensacola, FL 32522

Prisoner: Michael H. Ross
In since: December, 1993
Sentence: 10 years
Address: #35113
Montana State Prison
700 Conley Lake Rd.
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Prisoner: John Casserly
In since: December, 1993
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Address: Helena City Jail
221 Breckenridge
Helena, MT 59601