Thrasher

Pro-abort gunslingers fined

Sarasota, FL — Two men who conducted surveillance at a pro-life picket for an abortionist have been fined for violations of Florida law. The men, Robert Thrasher, 36, and Albert London, 45, had an assortment of semi- and fully-automatic weapons in their vehicle while conducting the illegal watch (*Life Advocate*, May 1994).

Both men were charged with performing private investigations without a license and fined $150 each. They had been hired by abortionist Phillip Keene to watch and photograph the picketers.

Records show that they had been paid $450 and $666 for two surveillances.

Thrasher and London were found by police in a parking lot of a restaurant across the street from the abortuary. Both were wearing bulletproof vests and the vehicle contained eight firearms — all loaded, some cocked — including a submachine gun and a shotgun.

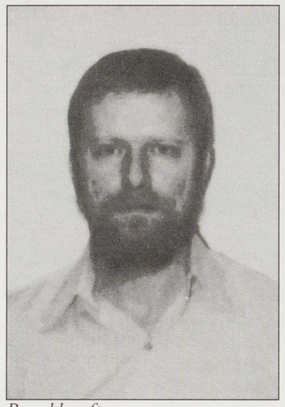
Thrasher is a Tampa gun dealer and both had concealed handgun licenses, so the possession of the loaded weapons was not charged. ■

Paoli abortuary closes

Paoli, PA — A Pennsylvania clinic that was the site of numerous rescues over the last 10 years is closing and will not relocate, according to reports.

Spokemen for the Women's Suburban Clinic in Paoli say that they were unable to locate space at the prices they could afford. They also cited competition among other abortion clinics in the region.

While clinic personnel denied it, local pro-life activists noted that many landlords may have not wanted the abortuary because pickets and other activities come with renting to clinics. ■



Brockhoeft

Brockhoeft to be released

Cincinnati, OH — John Brockhoeft, convicted bomber of a Cincinnati, Ohio Planned Parenthood abortuary, will be released in February, the Justice Department says, under "mandatory release."

"Mandatory release" is similar to parole and includes many conditions of release.

According to a phone conversation with Brockhoeft, he will be restricted from any pro-life activity. He will not be allowed to receive or write for *Life Advocate* or the *Prayer & Action Weekly* or have any contact with their staffs or subscribers. But also, according to Brockhoeft, the broadly worded set of limitations will mean he will not be allowed to attend any church — Protestant or Catholic — or speak with a minister.

Brockhoeft has also become engaged while in prison to a woman named Joanne, but the parole will evidently prohibit them from seeing each other or marrying. This is the one thing that Brockhoeft has said would be "too much" for him.

The parole board also insisted that Brockhoeft fire his pro-life attorney, Michael Hirsh, who wrote a brief defending the actions of Paul Hill.

"Presumably," said Hirsh, "he is relegated to assistance from only pro-abortion attorneys."

"We need to pray for John," said Paul deParrie, editor for one of the forbidden publications. "They are trying to isolate him and he will need God's help to get him through this time. As far as I can tell, the parole restrictions cannot prohibit us from doing that."

Pro-lifers are advised not to try to contact Brockhoeft in any way. Individuals close to the situation have said that "things are being done on his behalf."

One pro-life leader has recommended that people write the U.S. Parole Commission in a "Let John Marry Joanne" campaign.

United States Parole Commission, 10220 N. Executive Hills, Blvd., North Pointe Tower, Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64153. ■

Foster

Clinton appoints abortionist to Surgeon General post

Washington, D.C. — On February 2, President Clinton named Henry Foster Jr., a soft-spoken gynecologist from Tennessee, to be the replacement for fired surgeon general Joycelyn Elders.

Foster is a "hands-on" abortionist, according to Tim Murphy of the Pro-Life Action League in Chicago.

But the attribution of "soft-spoken" fits only his outside demeanor. One congressman called Foster "Eldrse-Lite" for his strong pro-abortion and other views. Foster and his wifewife has also been closely tied with Planned Parenthood. ■

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CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

Clinic owner gets 16-year sentence

Santa Ana, CA — Calling her "callous and self-serving," Superior Court Judge Everett W. Dickey sentenced abortion clinic owner Alicia Ruiz Hanna, convicted of the abortion death of Angela Nieto Sanchez, to 16 years in prison.

Hanna, 33, who is not a doctor, performed an abortion on Sanchez which resulted in her death. Hanna then tried to hide the body in the trunk of Sanchez's car, but was caught in the act by relatives of the dead woman.

Sanchez, a mother of four, had her children in the clinic waiting room when she was killed, but an associate of Hanna's took the children out to lunch and told them, afterwards, that their mother had gone home.

Prosecutors claimed that Hanna and her assistant were attempting to take the body to dump it down in Tijuana, Mexico, when the relatives found them loading the body into the trunk of the car. ■

Pro-abort picked up after bomb threats

Suffern, NY — A long-time abortion enthusiast and abortuary volunteer, Alice Hand, 54, was arrested and charged with aggravated harassment after police say she made at least three threatening phone calls to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Hand, who volunteered as an "escort" at the Gynecare clinic in nearby Monsey, told police that she was upset over the recent killings at abortion clinics and believed the Roman Catholic Church, with its stance against abortion, was partly responsible.

Detective Craig H. Long of the Suffern Police said that the police were able to trace the calls through the telephone company because the priest at the rectory where the calls came pressed *57 after each call. Pressing *57 in many telephone service districts records the origin of the last call with the telephone security department.

Police charged Hand with only the misdemeanor because they said they had no evidence that the woman intended to carry out the bombings.

No condemnation of the acts was forthcoming from pro-abortion organizations. Nor has a Justice Department investigation been begun for a violation of the "threats of violence" against "places of worship" prohibitions of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. ■

Arena sentenced to 5 years and forever; charged with sending "offensive" postcards

Syracuse, NY — Two people convicted of butyric acid placements in two abortion clinics placed on probation and ordered on February 2 to never again involve themselves in the anti-abortion movement.

John Arena, 73, and Michelle Wentworth, 40, each received five years probation and were ordered to perform 500 hours of community service.

Wentworth and Arena were charged in connection with 1994 attacks on two clinics. Wentworth maintained her innocence and was convicted at a trial, Arena pleaded guilty in November.

The attacks with butyric acid were said to have caused more than $50,000 in damage at the two clinics.

Wentworth's daughter, Michelle Campbell, 18, admitted last July that she carried out the attacks. She also received five years probation.

Arena was led from the courtroom in handcuffs after being charged with four new counts of second-degree aggravated harassment for recently mailing "offensive" postcards to an abortion provider and to the attorney who represented Michelle Campbell. ■

FACE suit filed in ND by federal government

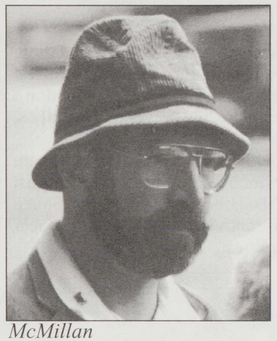
Fargo, ND — The Justice Department has sought civil damages from four pro-life protesters accused of blocking the only abortion clinic in North Dakota and stalking its employees.

The federal government's suit, which also seeks a restraining order, was its fourth civil action filed under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act of 1994 — all within the last two months.

The three men and one woman, Timothy Lindgren of Moorhead, Minnesota., Ronald D. Shaw of Bismarck, North Dakota, and John B. Brennan and Kathy Kirkeby, both of Fargo, three men and one woman named in the suit were accused of harassing the Fargo Women's Health Organization abortuary and violating local court orders issued in 1991 and 1992 to restrain them from blocking the clinic or the homes of its staff.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Fargo.

The government sought an order barring the four and unnamed associates from coming within 200 feet of the clinic, its employees or their family members. It also sought damages of $5,000 for each person harassed and civil penalties of up to $10,000 apiece for first violations of the clinic-access law. ■



McMillan

Roy McMillan under special investigation

Jackson, MS — The Secret Service has opened an investigation of Roy McMillan, a Mississippi pro-life activist, regarding alleged threats against the President of the United States.

The Secret Service wants to review a TV interview with an abortion foe who said the assassination of President Clinton and Supreme Court justices could be justified for the cause.

McMillan, head of the Christian Action Group in Jackson, Miss., said he was misquoted in a transcript of the interview he did for the satirical newsmagazine "TV Nation."

The show hasn't been broadcast in the United States but did air on Britain's BBC network.

He said his remarks involved hypothetical questions and he doesn't advocate assassinations.

"My simple statement was, 'I could see the potential of abortion abolitionists assassinating people,'" McMillan said. "What I said is a far cry from saying I advocate or endorse this. Simply understanding the potential exists is not endorsing or advocating assassination and that is what the report insinuates."

A written transcript of the interview was released Saturday by Fox Broadcasting Co. in conjunction with an appearance by "TV Nation" creator Michael Moore at a meeting of the Television Critics Association in Pasadena.

According to the transcript, McMillan was asked: "Do you think it would be justifiable homicide to execute the president?"

"I think he's probably in harm's way by acknowledging and endorsing the killing. ... It would probably be to me more justifiable to assassinate the Supreme Court judges," he said in the transcript.

McMillan was among 30 people who signed a petition declaring deadly force was justified in defense of the unborn. The petition was circulated by Paul Hill, later convicted in two slayings outside a Pensacola, Fla., clinic. ■

STATE OF OREGON

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Oregon group files initiative to ban some abortions

Salem, OR — The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) has filed an initiative petition with the state to include in the state constitution a prohibition against second and third trimester abortions.

The amendment says, "The passage of this Act is not a statement that denies or diminishes the value of human life at all stages of development, but is instead a realization that at this time a political consensus does exist that will save the lives of those preborn babies living within the second and third trimester."

Critics have said that such statements are insufficient and that only a complete ban would be acceptable law.

OCA spokesmen have said that the public debate over the amendment will force pro-abortionists to either surrender the "right" to abortion in the late terms or take the radical position of authorizing abortion until birth.

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