After Home picket, Abortionist Quits

by R. Marc Vincent

New Orleans, LA — "Pro-life forces took their fight to a new level today — right to the front steps of the house of local abortionist Victor Brown." These were the words of WWL-TV's weekend news anchor Lynn Cannon as the Sunday, May 16 evening news broadcast hit the New Orleans airwaves.

That Sunday was a beautiful afternoon in New Orleans as a coalition headed by Reverend Bill Shanks and members of New Covenant Fellowship, Reserve Church, and Freedom Assembly took a new approach in their campaign to save the lives of the unborn.

After over two years of picketing in front of one of the two clinics where Victor Brown provided abortions and several one-on-one meetings with Brown entreating him to stop his practice of providing abortion on demand services, Shanks and other pro-life leaders decided it was time to have their members descend on the Garden District of New Orleans, one of the most affluent of all New Orleans residential areas, and tell Brown's friends and neighbors how he makes his living.

"We did not just come out here unannounced," said Shanks. "We had numerous face-to-face meetings with Brown, including lunch." Shanks also said a copy of the video "The Abortion Providers" as well as numerous books from other doctors who had stopped their abortion practices were given to him in an attempt to show him "the error of his ways."

"We had told him that unless he stopped his practice we would come into his neighborhood and expose what he does for a living," Shanks added.

Brown told local pro-lifers that though the pro-life arguments had merit, he would continue to provide services as they were needed, citing a "moral obligation" to women as well as his own sense that to "quit in the face of being exposed would be cowardice" on his part.

We gave him over four months after our first meeting to stop," said Shanks. "I guess he thought we would never come out as we promised."

That Sunday, over 75 pro-life crusaders, following banners proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, as well as musicians leading them into the battle for the unborn with songs of praise and worship, descended on the neighborhood and began their peaceful protest while passing out over 100 information packets to all of Brown's neighbors.

The packets included information about the 25 lawsuits that have been filed against Brown, as well as brochures on the horrors of abortion, and positive pro-life answers to tough pro-choice questions.

The protest went off without any incidents. All pro-lifers seemed to be greeted by an understanding media as well as law enforcement officials.

By the time the news stations began airing coverage of the day's activities, pro-choice supporters had already begun their plans to discredit the event. "These people are terrorists, and this type of activity can only serve to hurt their cause as it has in the past," was the official comment of New Orleans Planned Parenthood.

On Wednesday, May 19, in an exclusive report on WVUE-TV in New Orleans, Brown announced his resignation from providing abortions at both the clinics he worked with.

"They won and I lost," Brown stated. "It is a humiliating defeat, but one that I can live with. I will no longer, in the best interests of my family and myself, provide abortion services."

When asked by the reporter at WVUE-TV what he thought about the strategy used by pro-lifers in coming out to his place of residence instead of confining their activities to the clinics, Brown said, "Maybe the tactics they chose this time were unfair and unpopular, but they worked."

Since the time of the protest at Victor Brown's residence, no abortions have taken place at the Crescent City Women's Clinic, formerly the largest abortion facility in Orleans Parish, where Brown worked as a subcontractor, nor at his personal office where he is now supplying OB/GYN services. Confirmed reports from many intelligence sources say that Brown is "holding true to his word" to stop his participation in the murder-for-hire business.

"This is a major victory for pro-life forces throughout the United States," said Shanks. "Efforts like these are starting to bear fruit and indicate the level of commitment of pro-lifers everywhere. Our goal is to make Louisiana an 'abortion-free' state." So far, five clinics have been shut down through the efforts of Louisiana's pro-lifers. Shanks also stated that more doctor's homes would be targeted in the near future. ■

Abortionist Brown's home is the focus of a neighborhood picket in Louisiana.

Physician Profile

The following information, part of an Abortion Injury Report, was distributed at the one and only neighborhood picket and literature drop around Dr. Brown's house:

There are twenty-five lawsuits filed against Victor Brown in Orleans Civil District Court alone. Here are excerpts of some:

#873896 — Johanna A. Master's minor child died as a result of negligence.

#8613966 — Angela Sharp's minor child suffered pain, anguish, and death due to a failure to provide proper medical care.

#8716606 — Nelda Mellon: hospitalized three times, had emergency medical care, surgery, suffered scarring and partial disability.

#8718859 — Ellen Stemley: hysterectomy, and additional medical expenses due to negligence.

#355649 — Denise Green: infection, additional pain, suffering, costly medical bills and permanent problems.

In addition, the State Board of Medical Examiners has charged Victor Brown with: medical incompetence; recurring medical practice failing to satisfy prevailing and usually accepted standards; and prescribing controlled substances without legitimate medical justification.

He was fined $1,000 and given a lifetime prohibition on Schedule II drugs.

The American Medical Association's Physician Profile on Victor Brown says he is not a member, and reports no current medical training or National Board certification. The American Medical Association also reports that Obstetrics and Gynecology is his self-designated specialty.

The preceding "Physician Profile" was reprinted from The Abortion Injury Report and distributed in abortionist Brown's neighborhood.

Pro-life activists march down the street of abortionist Brown's neighborhood with signs and banners.

Partial pro-life victory trashed by lower court judge

Reading, PA—Just when pro-lifers thought they had been handed a victory by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in which the high court upheld Pennsylvania's abortion restrictions, a lower court judge has granted a Planned Parenthood motion to continue an injunction at the clinics and grant a new trial on the constitutionality of the new statutes.

The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Daniel H. Huyett III means a new round of court arguments on the 1989 law which wasallegedly already upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Court.

Governor Robert Casey, a pro-life Democrat, said, "The constitutionality of this law has been sustained through the Supreme Court of the United States and we remain as confident about its constitutionality today as when the court ruled."

Attorney General Ernie Preate said he was disappointed with the ruling. "Judge Huyett cannot overrule the U.S. Supreme Court," he said.

But Preate also noted that he was not surprised by the ruling because of Huyett's well known bias against the state. Huyett said that it was a "minor burden" for the state to present evidence and go through trial and that this concern was outweighed by "the notable concerns which support the reopening of the record."

Denise Neary, executive director of Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, called the ruling a travesty of justice.

"I'm really angry that a pro-abortion group like Planned Parenthood is able to manipulate the court system that passed by overwhelming majorities in the Pennsylvania Legislature, is supported by 80 percent of the people in Pennsylvania and was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court," she said.

The law, passed in 1989, required a 24 hour waiting period before an abortion was performed, required that information on fetal development and abortion alternatives be given to every woman considering an abortion, and required that minors get permission of at least one parent before an abortion.

The original law also required spousal consent for an abortion, but this provision was overturned by the high court. ■