

MEDICAL/POLICE REPORTS ON BABY SPECIAL CREATE CONTROVERSY

In the October and November 1989 issues of Miami Right to Life's newsletter, we reported an alleged case of infanticide at Baptist Hospital. Since then, three separate local investigations were opened and subsequently closed. The results of the investigations by Baptist Hospital, Metro-Dade Police Department, and the State Attorney's office all cleared the physician and the hospital of any wrongdoing.

What follows is a comparison of statements by some of the principles in this case. Quotes come directly from the coroner's and police reports. The reader will see quotations from: the abortionist (DR.), an eyewitness nurse (NURSE), the Medical Examiner (ME), Baptist Hospital report (BAPT.), Florida statutes (FS), State Attorney's Office (SAO), and other eyewitnesses.

It is important to note that standing at the foot of the bed during the delivery of this baby, was the abortionist, a nurse, and the baby's maternal grandmother. The baby had Down Syndrome, but had none of the typical physical characteristics of a Down's baby.

QUESTION 1.

How far along was the pregnancy?

DR: 23 1/2 weeks (2nd trimester)

BAPT: 23 1/2 weeks (2nd trimester)

ME: 24 - 26 weeks (3rd trimester - almost 7 months)

QUESTION 2.

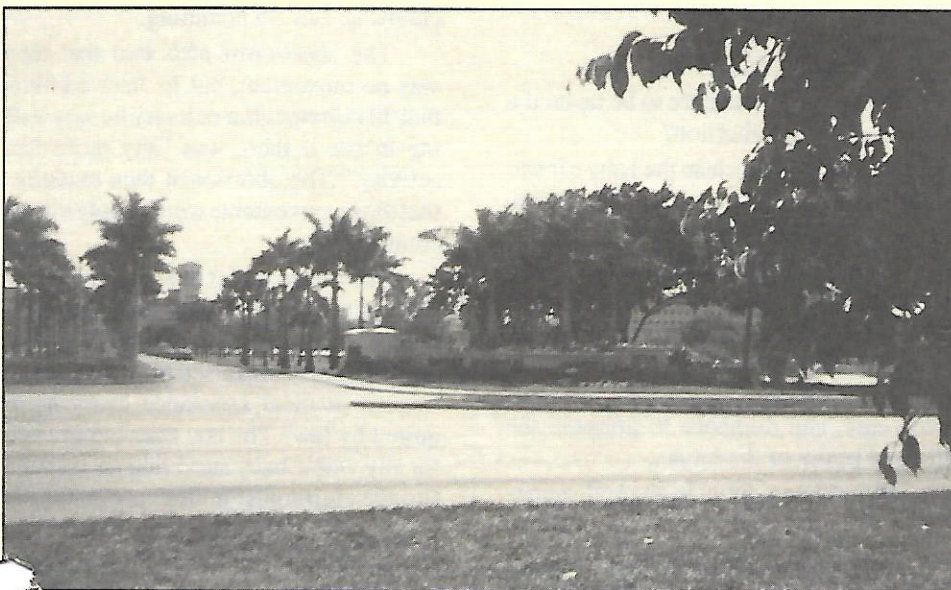
How much did the baby weigh?

ME: 900 grams (2 pounds)

QUESTION 3.

How much did the baby measure?

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Baptist Hospital is the medical facility that allowed a 3rd trimester abortion (Medical Examiner) of Baby Special. Officials at this health care facility stated that Baby Special was a stillbirth.

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MEET BABY SPECIAL'S ABORTIONIST

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Age 41

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Phone - (305) 270-1170

Graduate - University of Mexico
School of Medicine 1969

One year internship in Canada

1973-76 Received speciality training
in OB/GYN at University of Miami

Worked with Dr. Bezjian

Primarily in charge of all 2nd
trimester terminations of pregnancy at the
University of Miami

1985 Private Practice

Received privileges at South Miami
and Baptist Hospitals

Dr. Domenzain stated that the mother
was referred to him by Dr. Bezjian and the
Mailman Center for a termination of pregnancy.

BABY SPECIAL

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ME: 34.2 centimeters (almost 14 inches)

QUESTION 4.

What happened to the child upon delivery?

NURSE: I saw the baby's head emerge and within a second the whole body. The doctor immediately put it under linens at the foot of the bed.

DR: She (the patient) pushed and the fetus came out, and at that time I realized — well, she had told me that she did not want to see the fetus - so, what I did is that I covered the fetus with a sheet we have there. I put the sheets and blanket or whatever it was on top of the fetus.

QUESTION 5.

Was the baby moving?

DR: No.

NURSE: Quite a bit.

QUESTION 6.

Was the baby breathing?

DR.: No.

ME: X-rays found pockets of air in the stomach, and the lungs were aerated (filled with air). The fetus breathed.

QUESTION 7.

Was the child born alive?

DR: No

BAPT: Stillbirth confirmed.

NURSE: I saw movement and moments after the birth the baby's grandmother told me she had seen it born alive.

ME: The fetus survived the abortion. It was a live birth.

QUESTION 8.

When did the baby die?

DR: Before birth.

BAPT: D.O.A. (dead on arrival)

ME: 34 minutes elapsed until the fetus died.

QUESTION 9.

Did the child have any obvious external abnormalities?

DR: The fetus had typical signs of mongolism.

NURSE: I went to uncover (the baby) and he (the abortionist) told me there was no need to, that the baby had gross abnormalities. But when I finally

saw the child I realized there were no apparent abnormalities at all.

ME: The scalp is covered by blond hair. The head is normal, the nose is normal, the ears are normal, the face is normal, the lips are normal, the chest is symmetric, the neck is normal, the upper extremities are normally formed, the lower extremities are normally formed.

GRANDMA: The baby was beautiful.

QUESTION 10.

What was the cause of death?

SAO: The fetus died of natural causes.

ME: Cause of death was prematurity due to therapeutic induction of labor.

QUESTION 11.

Was there a pre-delivery discussion amongst the medical team of what procedure was to be taken if a live birth were to occur?

DR: No.

NURSE: We discussed it. I told him (Dr.) that if it comes out alive it has to go to Special Care and he said he was aware.

DR: When a fetus is aborted...you normally don't do anything. You let the fetus expire. The usual thing is just to take your time...

QUESTION 12.

What is the procedure to be taken if a baby survives an abortion?

NURSE: I will clean the baby off and if the baby appears to be alive, I take it to the nearby Special Care Nursery.

FS: Florida Law 390.001 sec. 5. If a termination of pregnancy is performed during viability, no person who performs or induces the termination of pregnancy shall fail to use that degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the fetus...

DR: When a fetus is aborted, sometimes there is some activity in the fetus and you normally don't do anything. You let the fetus expire. The usual thing is just to take your time, don't immediately do anything.

I knew there was some fetal activity, and I knew that the mother of the patient (baby's grandmother) wanted to see the fetus, and I didn't want her to see any kind of activity, so I decided to wait to see if there was any more activity.

QUESTION 13.

Was the child actively smothered by the abortionist?

NURSE: No.

ME: No.

DR: No.

As noted at the beginning, information is compiled and organized so it is easier to identify a consensus or a contradiction of facts. The most notable contradiction is the condition of the baby at birth. The abortionist clearly states that the child was delivered dead. He wrote that on his report, and Baptist hospital confirmed a stillbirth. But troubling to pro-lifer groups is the nurse's testimony that there was quite a bit of movement from the child, the grandmother's comments to the nurse that she too had seen the baby born alive, and the medical examiner's report that clearly shows the child survived the abortion.

When the nurse attempted to uncover the still moving child, the doctor told her not to, "because it had gross abnormalities." But as the nurse later realized - that was not true.

Autopsy X-rays and a close examination of the child's lungs showed that the baby breathed for some time. The doctor claims he saw no breathing.

The abortionist also said that there was no movement, but he later admitted that 30 minutes after delivery he was waiting to see if there was "any more fetal activity." The abortionist then explained that those movements were simply muscle contractions.

The police report says that there is no reliable testimony that indicates the abortionist actively smothered the baby. But the question being raised by MRTL is why was no medical assistance given as required by law? The law does require help for any viable baby surviving an abortion. But the abortionist in this case states that his usual procedure is to "not do anything and let the fetus expire, don't do anything immediately." This is in contradiction of Florida law.

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"Baby Special" born September 14, 1989, at 12:40 a.m. Baby Special's weighed 900 grams (2 pounds) and measured 34.2 centimeters (almost 14 inches). According to the Medical Examiner, Baby Special lived for 34 minutes.



**BAPTIST HOSPITAL
OF MIAMI**

Department of
Marketing/Public Relations

Jo Baxter
Director

December 5, 1989

John D. Miles
President
Miami Right to Life
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Dear Mr. Miles:

Attached is a copy of an article from The Miami Herald regarding the unfounded accusations concerning a termination of pregnancy at Baptist Hospital. The police have concluded that there was no truth to the accusations of wrongdoing made by the anonymous caller.

It is most upsetting that good people have been unduly distressed by the irresponsible reports regarding this incident.

We hope that you will communicate the results of the police investigation to your members, who, I believe, deserve no less than the truth.

Sincerely,

Jo Baxter (Ms.)

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REFLECTIONS ON AN ABORTION CLINIC

Abortion.

An unborn baby's
planned killing. A way out
of an unexpected responsibility.
A surgical procedure
that kills
one and a half million babies
a year.

Abortion clinic in South Florida
said to be dingy and hazardous.
Dead Cockroaches found
in filthy
sterilizing room?!

Unfortunately, yes.

Did you hear?

Old filthy socks
discovered in a room
marked "Recovery"?!

Unfortunately, yes.

Soap???

Necessity not required
in this foul
stinking place
that reeks of blood.

A place responsible for
killing
our should-be classmates
and siblings.

Kelly Higgins
Middleburg High School
Jacksonville
Class of 1991

First high school graduating class to
feel the full impact of the fatal Supreme
Court decision: Roe v. Wade.

BABY SPECIAL

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The pro-life community feels that the state attorney's office cleared an abortionist of negligence without possibly taking into serious consideration the testimony of eyewitnesses and medical facts. When children born at this age are given the proper medical attention, the survival rate is quite high. A live birth is considered a complication during an abortion, and the legal ramifications of a "botched abortion" could have been quite costly to the doctor and the hospital.

There are an estimated 400 late-term abortions performed daily in the United States. Some of these babies die in the manner this little boy did. Miami Right to Life asks each person reading this to examine the facts stated above, and to then ask him/herself if they agree with the police, the State Attorney's office and

Baptist Hospital's findings. Does the reader agree that there was no wrong doing or negligence on behalf of this doctor? Does the reader agree that this man should have been exceptionally cleared?

ADOPT-A-CLINIC

Miami Right to Life would like to invite all pro-life churches to get involved in project Adopt-A-Clinic. This project involves legal picketing, sidewalk counseling and prayer at abortion clinics.

We are encouraging churches to adopt the clinic closest to them. If you or a representative of your church wishes to get involved or if you need further information, please contact us. We will let you know which clinic is closest to you. Please contact Miami Right to Life at 591-1515.

VICTIMS OF ABORTION-WE CAN HELP

"Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18,19

After the Supreme Court made its inglorious decision in 1973 on the rights of women to obtain an abortion, few people realized the awful lingering consequences and aftereffects of this supposed "safe" procedure. However, 17 years later, an interesting pattern of maladies has developed giving rise to the recent research centered around what is now termed Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS). What is most interesting is that those developing these classified disorders, the VICTIMS of abortion, are not just the women who had the abortion. Others, like the men who were involved with the pregnancy, the grandparents and children within the family, have fallen prey to this heinous slaughter of innocent children.

PAS is taking hundreds of thousands captive every year. Researchers are now beginning to understand why these victims all seem to have the same types of long-term disturbances.

PAS has been described as the inability to: (1) process the fear, anger, sadness and guilt surrounding an abortion experience, (2) grieve the loss of the baby, and (3) come to peace with God, themselves and others involved in the abortion decision.

Although, to date, most PAS counselling has been directed toward the woman who had the abortion, there is currently a door opening to reach all those who have been victimized. That door is American Victims of Abortion or AVA.

"When I was a young girl, I used to try to fix broken tea cups for my mother. I would put the shattered pieces together with a bit of glue and then gently hold them until they started to bond. I would be so pleased when the pieces became one again and the little cracks were hardly noticeable."

Post aborted women and men are much like these cups. There is one piece of their lives which is cracked, blemished, and ugly. They are dangling like chips and

pieces waiting for someone to come along who knows what is wrong and how to fix them, someone to glue them back together, hold them gently and place them back on the shelf of life.

AVA has established a three (3) point direction to accomplish this task:

1. Counsel women and men in the local community who desire counselling. Then, direct them, after healing into three programs:

A. Public speaking and lobbying locally and in Tallahassee.

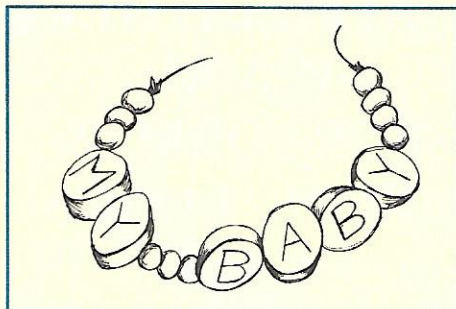
B. Assisting AVA and MRTL with various projects to continue their healing process.

C. Train healed women and men to counsel other post aborted victims.

2. Build a strong speaker's bureau from those who have been counseled.

Speakers are needed to give presentations on the aftereffects of abortion to: media, churches, physicians, high school and college students, organizations, and legislators (locally and in Tallahassee).

3. Build a prison ministry.



Many women and men in prisons are suffering from the aftereffects of abortion (especially substance abuse).

These victims can be restored to usefulness within their community and then can be instructed to build a ministry to reach other inmates.

Post aborted women and men are the broken cups. American Victims of Abortion, with the Lord leading the way, is the glue and the hands to hold them gently until they are healed.

If you or someone you know needs our help and guidance or further information about American Victims of Abortion, please contact Kathie Palladino or Mary Dedrick at 591-1515. ■

MICHELE: A VICTIM OF ABORTION

This is for all the women who thought abortion was the only choice.

For those who wish they would have known the truth about the child in their womb, that it wasn't a "blob of cells" or a "mass of tissue," but a child.

For those who wish they would have been informed of other alternatives to let their child or children live.

For those who wonder..."was it a boy or a girl?" or, "I wonder what it would look like now?"

For those who weep every night for their unborn child.

For those women who look at little babies and wish they would have let their little one live.

For the women that have nightmares about the abortion procedure over and over again.

For the women who can't even vacuum their own carpet because the sound reminds them of that "easy simple procedure."

For all the women who were wounded physically from a "safe legal abortion," and will never be able to bear children.

For all the women who think they are the only ones who feel depressed and do not understand why—you are not the only ones who feel this way!!!

If there are 26 million unborn children, there are millions of women who have experienced abortion and many are hurting deeply.

It is only by the grace of God I can write this—as I lived through a living hell after aborting my children. His forgiveness and love have saved me, by asking Him, the Lord Jesus, to forgive me for taking the lives of my children. He is the only reason I am alive.

There is help for us. I am a witness! I tell you—the woman suffering from abortion, God will pick you back up, forgive you, and give you love like you've never had before. Seek Him with all your heart. He is faithful!!! Jeremiah 29:11-13.

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BUT WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Every month people call us asking what they can do to help. The following is a list of "needs" and "do's." If you can assist in any way, please contact us.

NEEDS FOR THE OFFICE:

Lamp for lobby
Square coffee table
Matching sofa and/or loveseat in good repair
Potted plants - any size
Pictures with appropriate theme for a RTL office
Shelving for research area
Telephone (with buttons on phone instead of handset) for receptionist desk
Slide projector in good repair
Movie/projector screen
Large extension cord
Staplers for newsletter mailing

3-hole punch

Baby furniture (used or new)

Baby formula, diapers, etc.

THINGS TO BE DONE:

Telephone bank volunteers

Voter Registration-volunteers who are interested in being deputized to register citizens to vote

Receptionist to volunteer a few hours a week at the office

Volunteers to help with literature drops at various locations

Writers for this newsletter

Volunteers for our prayer team

Volunteer with darkroom to process black and white film

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591-1515**

WARNING!!!

When "birth control pills" were first introduced, they were professionally called oral contraceptive tablets. That was a good description, because they prevented ovulation (release of a female egg), and therefore conception was virtually impossible.

As these products were used over as period of time, it became clear that they caused serious side effects, particularly the formation of dangerous blood clots (thromboembolic disease). In order to reduce the occurrence of these side effects, the tablets were reformulated to contain less estrogen.

Because of the lower dose of estrogen there is a very important change in effect: ovulation sometimes takes place. The released female egg is sometimes fertilized; in other words, there is conception. If conception occurs, the action of tablets cannot accurately be described as contraceptive.

These new birth control pills are still considered to be effective because the living embryo will be eliminated by another effect. The lining of the woman's uterus is changed so that the embryo can not attach and receive nourishment. At an age of 1 or 2 weeks, the embryo will be removed from the body in a menstrual type bleeding.

Since April 1988, all of the birth control pills marketed in the United States are of a new type. Those who provide them generally continue to describe their mechanism of action as contraceptive. Actually, to directly prevent the survival of a fertilized egg is to induce abortion.

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**Hurting...
after an abortion?**

MEDICAL ● LEGAL ● EMOTIONAL ● HELP

*** (305) 591-1515 ***

COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 25

PRO-LIFE RALLY

Tropical Park

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Speaker: Frankie Schaeffer

April 17

PRO-LIFE RALLY

Tallahassee

Travel Info.: 591-1515

April 28

PRO-LIFE RALLY

Washington, D.C.

RALLY FOR LIFE '90

Travel Info.: 591-1515

Housing Info: (301)869-9240

June 23

MIAMI RTL BREAKFAST

Omni International Hotel

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. John C. Willke,

President, National Right to Life

Ticket info.: 591-1515

Tuesday Evenings

PERSPECTIVE

Family-oriented call-in talk show

Time: 7:30 p.m.

WMCU - 89.7 FM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciated the profile in Miami Right to Life's newsletter. What a dramatically different perspective from that offered by the Miami Herald. Here is hoping that your publication winds up influencing more people than the Herald.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to you and Rai and John for the tremendous work Miami Right to Life is carrying on in Dade County. Your chapter has exploded onto the scene and gained us instant credibility. Would that all our pro-life volunteers were as effective in the cause of the unborn as you folks are.

I am excited about your new work with American Victims of Abortion. Please keep me posted on all new developments.

Kenneth L. Connor, President

Florida Right to Life

Tallahassee

I read in your first issue that AT&T supports Planned Parenthood and, thus, abortion.

Are you still using AT&T as your long distance company? It's easy to switch and it will probably reduce your phone bill as well.

One phone call will get you going. Just dial one of these: U.S. Sprint 592-0290; MCI 441-2900; Metromedia 1-800-292-1052; TELUS 624-8329 or any other company listed in the yellow pages.

Bob Allen - Miami

Abortion—when we hear that word it is a controversial Civil War all over again! This is especially true in the public, secular-humanistic world. Well, I am here to tell you that this is not true. We as Christians and joint heirs of Christ should make this most heinous crime known to everyone.

So many mothers today are being told that they have a right to end their pregnancy, but sadly, this is not enough. In my point of view, mothers should be told the choices that are available to them and not let the doctors convince them to commit murder to their unborn child. The abortion may last only a few minutes, but the guilt and indignation of this crime will make more of a scar in the future.

It is also to my chagrin that abortion is officially legal in Florida now. As citizens, we are striving to maintain life for what is really "God's gift." We need to start standing on a firm foundation and let the Lord guide the gateway of our hearts.

The Bible states in Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go and I will counsel you and watch over you."

I encourage you to stand up for what you know is right, in all you do, and let the Lord speak to and through you, and He will oversee all that you do.

Richard Tingley

Seventh grade student

Cornerstone High School

Broward County

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WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT ABORTION?

Who is the creator of the pre-born?

Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One form us both within our mothers? **Job 31:15 (NIV)**

Your hands shaped me and made me. Will You now turn and destroy me? Remember that You molded me like clay. Will You now turn me to dust again? Did You not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in Your providence watch over my spirit. **Job 10:8-12 (NIV)**

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret and skillfully

wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them. **Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)**

The Bible speaks of hope and healing for those who are hurting from abortion.

Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder things of the past. Behold, I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. **Isaiah 43:18,19**

He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. **Isaiah 25:8**

And the ransomed of the Lord will return, and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their

heads. They will find gladness and joy and sorrow and sighing will flee away. **Revelation 21:4**

For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me, and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. **Jeremiah 29:11-13**

And he said, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, 'Who knows, the Lord may be gracious to me, that the child may live.' But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me."

II Samuel 12:22,23

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

II Corinthians 5:17 ■

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