

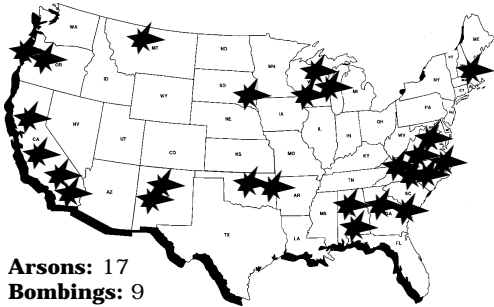
Anti-Abortion Violence Watch

Reporting on Domestic Terrorism Against Women's Health Clinics

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Clinics Arsoned/Bombed 97-99



Arsons: 17
Bombings: 9

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Unsolved Arsons/Bombing 97-99

August 2, 1999 • Greenland, NH

Feminist Women's Health Center

July 2, 1999 • Sacramento, CA

Choice Medical Group

April 2, 1999 • Milwaukee, WI

Summit Women's Health Org.

April 1, 1999 • Milwaukee, WI

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Peter Quinn charged

March 29, 1999 • Sioux Falls, SD

Planned Parenthood MN/SD

March 28, 1999 • Waukesha, WI

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin

Peter Quinn charged

April 16, 1999 • Albuquerque, NM

Planned Parenthood of New Mexico

March 13, 1999 • Asheville, NC

Femcare Clinic

September 8, 1998 • Fayetteville, NC

Hallmark & Carolina Clinic

April 1, 1998 • San Diego/Riverside, CA

Planned Parenthood

January 29, 1998 • Birmingham, AL

New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic

Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect

October 19, 1997 • Portland, OR

All Women's Health Services

July 22, 1997 • Tuscaloosa, AL

West Alabama Women's Center

May 27, 1997 • Portland, OR

Lovejoy Surgicenter

March 7, 1997 • North Hollywood, CA

Family Planning Associates

March 6, 1997 • Greensboro, NC

Piedmont-Carolina Medical Clinic

January 16, 1997 • Atlanta, GA

Northside Family Planning

Eric Robert Rudolph sought as a suspect

The Anti-Abortion Violence Watch is compiled by the staff of the Feminist Majority Foundation and is published monthly. To report incidents of anti-abortion violence or for more information on the National Clinic Access Project, call Washington, DC (703) 522-2214 or Los Angeles (323) 651-0495.

Eric Robert Rudolph

598 days as a fugitive

James Charles Kopp

337 days as a fugitive

Potential Arsonist Apprehended

Roger Allen Waagner Arrested on Fugitive Warrant



On September 13, Roger Allan Waagner was apprehended in Illinois and arrested on an outstanding Michigan weapons violation warrant. Waagner had escaped law enforcement in Pennsylvania just two weeks prior to his arrest in Illinois. Waagner was pulled over for speeding in Green Township, PA, but escaped into the nearby woods. Green Township is south-east of Eric, PA and northwest of Pittsburgh, PA. A search of Waagner's abandoned car, which had been stolen in Ohio, revealed several firearms, gas cans and explosive materials, plus a list of eight women's health clinics in Georgia and Tennessee.

Authorities have released this photo from an ID found in Waagner's automobile. If you have any information regarding past activities or known associates please call the Feminist Majority Foundation's ClinicWatch at (703) 522-2214.

Sniper Attacks Linked to Remembrance Day

Clinics and Law Enforcement Urged to Increase Security

As the Canadian November 11 "Remembrance Day" approaches, law enforcement is encouraging clinics to increase security and awareness. Anti-abortion extremist James Charles Kopp who has been charged in the assassination of Dr. Barnett Slepian around "Remembrance Day" of last year is still at large.

Since 1994, five sniper attacks on U.S. and Canadian physicians who perform abortions have occurred around "Remembrance Day" - a holiday anti-abortion extremists consider a day to remember the "un-born." All of the victims were shot while they were in their homes. Three of the five were severely injured; one was killed.



James Charles Kopp
photo released 11/98.

In the first fatal sniper attack, Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot through a window and killed while he was standing in his kitchen in his Amherst, New York home on October 23, 1998. A Rochester, New York physician was shot in October 1997 through a sliding glass door while he was standing beside his indoor pool. On November 11, 1997, Dr. Jack Fainman was shot in the shoulder through a window while watching television at his Winnipeg, Canada home.

On November 10, 1995, Dr. Hugh Short was shot through a second-story window in his home near Hamilton, Ontario. On November 8, 1994, Dr. Garson Romalis was shot early in the morning while sit-

ting at his kitchen in Vancouver, Canada with a high-powered rifle by a sniper hiding in the alley behind Romalis' home.

Kopp has been placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list for the Slepian assassination and is reportedly under investigation for the other 4 sniper attacks.

Rewards totaling \$1 million have been offered for his arrest by U.S. and Canadian authorities.

The search for Kopp extends to Mexico, where the FBI believes he was driven by a female friend. Kopp has a long history of anti-abortion activity, having been arrested for blockading clinics in Atlanta, Pensacola, Houston, Milwaukee, Madison, Fargo, Buffalo, Vermont, and California. He is known as

"Atomic Dog" and prominently mentioned in the Army of God manual.

With Kopp remaining a fugitive, clinics, physicians and law enforcement are urged to maintain heightened awareness around "Remembrance Day." Although all sniper attacks have occurred in locations along the Canadian-US border and in western New York state, women's health providers across the country are urged to exercise precaution. Home security measures should be reviewed with staff and physicians, and any suspicious or unusual activity reported immediately to local law enforcement officials.

Sniper Attacks/Murders

Amherst, NY • October 23, 1998

Dr. Barnett Slepian was killed by a sniper's bullet as he stood in his home. Slepian worked at Buffalo GYN Women's Services and was the fifth doctor shot by sniper fire in the weeks preceding the Nov 11 Canadian holiday Remembrance Day and the first fatality. Also shot and injured in their homes were: Dr. Garson Romalis of Vancouver on 11/08/94; Dr. Hugh Short of Hamilton on 11/10/95; unnamed doctor in Rochester, NY on 10/28/97; and Dr. Jack Fainman of Winnipeg 11/11/97.

Arsons/Attempted Arsons

Greenland, NH • August 2, 1999

Feminist Women's Health Center of Portsmouth was the target of arson. An accelerant was used to start the fire behind the building causing \$12,000 in damage.

Sacramento, CA • July 2, 1999

Choice Medical Group was the target of arson. Firefighters were able to contain the 3:20 am blaze minimizing damage to three of the four entrances to the building and a trash bin.

Albuquerque, NM • April 30, 1999

Planned Parenthood of New Mexico was set on fire by an accelerant which was placed under the clinic's door and then ignited causing minimal damage. Repairs had just been completed from the 3/16 arson. Ricki Lee McDonald was arrested and charged. McDonald had just been released from prison after serving time for arson of a clinic in 1995

Milwaukee, WI • April 2 & March 28, 1999

Summit Women's Health Organization's rear door was set on fire on two separate occasions. Damage was minimal. Peter Quinn, 17, charged with March 28 attack.

Waukesha, WI • April 1, 1999

A fireplace log soaked with lighter fluid and set on the windowsill of the Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin was ignited. Fire fighters quickly responded to the window alarm and doused the fire. Peter Quinn, 17, charged.

Sioux Falls, SD • March 29, 1999

Planned Parenthood of MN/SD was the target of an arson attack, damage was minimal.

Fayetteville, NC • September 8, 1998

A Molotov cocktail was tossed onto the roof of the Hallmark Clinic at 1:30am. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the roof and ceiling of the building. About an hour later, firefighters were called to the Carolina Women's Clinic where a small fire was set.

Fargo, ND • April 6, 1998

Attempted arson of the Fargo Women's Health Organization between 3-6:00 am.

Riverside/San Diego, CA • April 1, 1998

Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties was firebombed. A white RV was spotted leaving the scene.

San Antonio, TX • January 27, 1998

Attempted arson at the Planned Parenthood of San Antonio Southeast.

Portland, OR • October 19, 1997

An arson occurred at All Women's Health Services. Damages were estimated to be \$5,000.

Tuscaloosa, AL • July 22, 1997

West Alabama Women's Center sustained \$250,000 in damages, after a firebombing gutted the interior of the building.

Portland, OR • May 27, 1997

Lovejoy Surgicenter, a target of protests and violence, was set on fire suffering \$250,000 in damage, after receiving several bomb threats from 5/17-19.

Yakima, WA • May 7, 1997

Attempted arson at Planned Parenthood Central WA's Yakima Family Planning Clinic.

Bozeman, MT • April 2, 1997

The building housing the office of Dr. Susan Wicklund was set on fire. Damage estimated at \$2,000. John Yankowski sentenced.

North Hollywood, CA • March 7, 1997

A "Molotov Cocktail" was thrown through a window at the Family Planning Assoc. Medical Group causing \$1,000 in damage.

Greensboro, NC • March 6, 1997

The Piedmont-Carolina Medical clinic was set on fire causing \$50,000 in damage.

Falls Church, VA • February 18, 1997

James Mitchell was sentenced to 10 years for setting a Falls Church abortion clinic on fire. No one was injured, but the fire caused an estimated \$25,000 in damages.

Bombings/Attempted Bombings

Albuquerque, NM • March 15, 1999

The back door of a Planned Parenthood clinic was destroyed by an explosive device.

Asheville, NC • March 11, 1999

A bomb partially exploded outside the Femcare Clinic causing minimal damage. The bomb was placed next to the waiting room wall and exploded 30 minutes before the clinic opened.

Fayetteville, NC • October 3, 1998

Two bombs constructed of dynamite and timing devices were disarmed before they exploded at the Hallmark Clinic and the Carolina Women's Clinic. These same clinics were the target of attempted arson a month earlier.

Birmingham, AL • January 29, 1998

An anti-personnel device packed with nails exploded at the New Woman, All Women Health Care Clinic, killing a security guard and seriously injuring a clinic nurse. The bomb was disguised as a potted plant and detonated by a remote device. The Army of God claimed responsibility in letters sent to media in Atlanta.

Atlanta, GA • January 16, 1997

Two bombs exploded at Northside Family Planning Services. The first bomb destroyed most of the interior of the clinic. The second bomb, an anti-personnel device, was placed near the parking lot and appeared to be designed to kill rescue workers, law enforcement personnel, and clinic staff forced outside the building. Seven were injured in the second blast, including five law enforcement officials. On February 21, a similar double-bombing was attempted at a lesbian night club. Five people were injured. A letter from the "Army of God" sent to Atlanta news agencies, claimed credit for both the February 21 and January 16 bombings. FBI has charged Eric Rudolph.

Tulsa, Oklahoma • January 1 & 19, 1997

Two separate bomb incidents at the Reproductive Services and Adoption Affiliates clinic caused damage to the interior of the building. A teenager was convicted in the bombing and his parents were charged.

Hoax Bombs

Birmingham, AL/Knoxville, TN • Nov 2, 1998

New Woman, All Women's Health Center in Birmingham (the scene of a fatal bombing 1/29) and Knoxville Center for Reproductive Health received hoax bombs in the mail. The video tape sized packages were wrapped, taped and addressed to the "operations manager."

Milwaukee, WI • November 3/4, 1998

On 11/3, Planned Parenthood received a brown 9"x11" envelope addressed to the clinic. A message written on white paper stated "Boom The next one might be real. Stop killing babies." Two AA batteries with wire were wrapped in modeling clay to look like a bomb. On 11/4, Affiliated Medical Services in Milwaukee received a similar mailing.

Threats of Mass Destruction

Midwest • June 2-3, 1999

Planned Parenthood clinics in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, OH received anthrax hoax letters. The letters were all addressed to the clinic's accounting department and the return address was for the Department of Taxation for the affiliated states.

National • February 18-22, 1999

30 clinics received envelopes through the mail containing a message that the recipient had been exposed to anthrax. The letters bore a Lexington, KY postmark and some had return addresses of medical supply companies.

Midwest • October 30-November 2, 1998

Ten clinics received letters claiming "you have just been exposed to anthrax." Planned Parenthood of Central & Southern Indiana, Indianapolis, Scottsburg, Shelbyville, New Albany, IN; Planned Parenthood and Women's Health Services in Louisville, KY; Center for Reproductive Health, Knoxville, TN; Women's Health Care Services in Wichita, KS; Center for Women, Cleveland, OH; and Volunteer Medical Services in Knoxville, TN all received a 3"x5" envelope postmarked in Cincinnati.

Butyric Acid Attacks

Houston, TX • July 8, 1998

4 women's healthcare clinics in Houston were attacked with Butyric acid injuring 8 people.

New Orleans, LA • July 6, 1998

5 women's healthcare clinics in New Orleans were attacked with Butyric acid.

Central Florida/Miami • May 15-23, 1998

10 women's healthcare clinics in the Miami and the central Florida area were attacked with butyric acid in seven days. One of the attacks occurred during business hours.

Arrests/Convictions

Illinois • September 13, 1999

Roger Waagner was apprehended and arrested in Illinois. He had been sought for fleeing into the woods after being pulled over for speeding in Pennsylvania. A search of his car revealed explosives, firearms, gas cans and a list of women's clinics in Georgia and Tennessee.

Hamilton, Canada • March 11, 1999

Ronald Wylie was arrested in connection with a series of letters sent to the Hamilton Spectator threatening doctors who provide abortions.

Fargo, ND • March 10, 1999

Randall Hanson was arrested in connection with the attempted arson of the National Women's Health Organization on 4/6/98.