

# Anti-Abortion Violence Watch

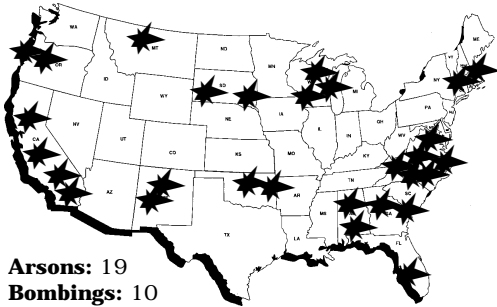
Reporting on Domestic Terrorism Against Women's Health Clinics

**Eric Robert Rudolph**  
1099 days as a fugitive  
**James Charles Kopp**  
837 days as a fugitive

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## Clinics Arsoned/Bombed 97-01



Arsons: 19  
Bombings: 10

See back for details on incidents

## Unsolved Arsons/Bombing 97-01

**May 28, 2000 • Concord, NH**

Concord Feminist Health Center

**April 14, 2000 • Oakland Park, FL**

Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic

**October 8, 1999 • Rapid City, SD**

Planned Parenthood

**August 2, 1999 • Greenland, NH**

Feminist Women's Health Center

**July 2, 1999 • Sacramento, CA**

Choice Medical Group

Benjamin and Tyler Williams indicted

**April 2, 1999 • Milwaukee, WI**

Summit Women's Health Org.

**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

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## White Rose Banquet Attracts Extremists

Convicted Felons Celebrate Anti-Abortion Violence

Anti-abortion extremists and their supporters convened near Washington, D.C. to celebrate the cause of anti-abortion violence on the eve of the twenty-eighth anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The January 21, 2001, "White Rose Banquet" was hosted by convicted clinic bomber Michael Bray of Bowie, Maryland.

Several dozen persons from across the country attended, including convicted arsonists, bombers, co-defendants from the *Planned Parenthood v. American Coalition of Life Activists (PP v. ACLA)* federal lawsuit, and others previously convicted under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Many of those present have also signed their names to "Defensive Action" petitions that justify the use of force, including murder, against abortion providers.

The North Carolina-based *Independent Weekly* reports that the banquet, the fifth of its kind, was also preceded by a conference. Featured conference speakers included Neal



Convicted Felon Michael Bray Accepts Gift from Alleged Arsonist  
Photo: Jenny Warburg for the Independent Weekly

Horsley from suburban Atlanta, creator of the infamous *Nuremberg Files* and *RU486 Registry* Web sites, and Matthew

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## Severe Violence Affects One in Five Clinics

Survey Again Finds Lower Violence Where Law Enforcement is Best

One in five women's health clinics reported one or more types of severe violence in 2000, a figure identical to 1999, suggesting that severe clinic violence has reached a plateau at the nation's reproductive health care facilities. As measured in the Feminist Majority Foundation's eighth annual National Clinic Violence Survey, severe violence included blockades, invasions, bombings, arsons, chemical attacks, stalking, gunfire, physical assaults, and threats of death, bomb, or arson. The 20% figure in 2000 and 1999 represents a dramatic decline from 1994 when severe violence affected 52% of all clinics (Chart 1).

"Severe anti-abortion violence, in its

many forms, remains an enduring problem," declared Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, "We can see that the declines of previous years have all but stopped, making the future of safe access to abortion a pressing question."

This year's study, which again measured severe violence, harassment, and intimidation, included a sample of 361 total clinics from every state. The most commonly reported type of severe violence was a bomb threat, yet the percentage of clinics reporting bomb threats has dropped from 13% in 1999 to 7% in 2000. Stalking (6%), death threats (5%), and blockades (5%) were

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# Clinic Violence Survey

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also frequently reported by clinics in 2000.

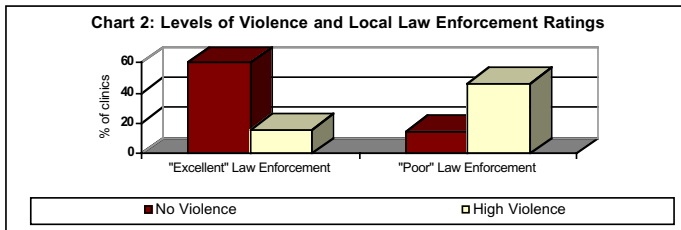
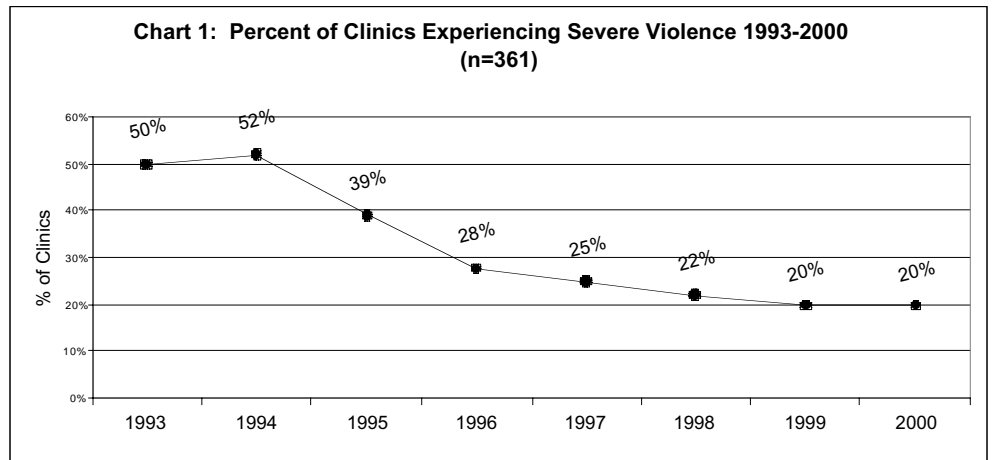
Threatening speech (such as "WANTED" posters and internet harassment) and anti-abortion leafletting affected a sizeable portion (35%) of all clinics. Moreover, those clinics that experienced threatening speech and anti-abortion leafletting suffered nearly double the violence as clinics free from leafletting or threatening speech. Of the clinics that reported threatening speech or leafletting, 64% had been further targeted by violence, harassment, and intimidation. Conversely, of the clinics that did not report threatening speech or leafletting, only 38% were targeted with violence, harassment, and intimidation.

As in 1999, a solid majority of clinics rated the law enforcement response to violence as excellent. Of those clinics that had contact with local law enforcement about clinic violence, 60% rated their response as excellent, a figure similar to 1999 when 65% of clinics also awarded excellent ratings to local law enforcement. Federal law enforcement officials saw an increase in their excellent ratings, from 60% in 1999 to 66% in 2000.

Importantly, excellent local law enforcement ratings were associated with less violence at clinics (Chart 2). Of those clinics that rated local law enforcement as excellent, 60% were free from violence and only 16% reported high violence. By contrast, nearly half (46%) of the clinics that rated local law enforcement as poor faced high violence, compared with 15% that reported no violence.

Nearly half of the clinics with protective legal remedies in place (such as buffer zones) indicated that their remedies were strongly enforced, an increase from 35% in 1999 and dramatically higher than 14% in 1998. Also, of the 10% of clinics reporting potential violations of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE), 58% said they were "provided clear direction for initiating FACE complaints". Yet there are indications that more aggressive education, investigations and prosecutions are necessary in response to potential FACE violations. For example, 30% of clinics reporting potential violations were "advised that federal authorities would not prosecute" their cases, a figure double from 15% in 1999.

"Clinic violence has decreased dramatically in the past six years," noted Smeal. "What our data continually show are that decreases in violence are closely connected with law enforcement response



enforcement and the pro-choice community must be continued."

The National Clinic Violence Survey is the most comprehensive study of anti-abortion violence,

and deterrent measures by clinics and the pro-choice community. The federal FACE Act, court decisions protecting clinic access, and pro-choice groups' efforts have made a tremendous difference. But with one in five clinics still reporting severe violence, the efforts of law

harassment, and intimidation in the nation and includes both independent and affiliated clinics. Copies of the complete 2000 National Clinic Violence Survey Report are available by calling the Feminist Majority Foundation at 703-522-2214 or going online to [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org).

## SUSPECT IN STABBING REMAINS AT LARGE



Sketch released by Vancouver Police of suspect wanted in the Dr. Romalis stabbing.

The suspect wanted in the connection with the July attempted murder of Dr. Garson Romalis remains at large. Romalis, an abortion provider in Vancouver, Canada was stabbed outside of his medical office. The assailant was waiting for Dr. Romalis as he entered his office.

The white male suspect is described as clean-shaven, with a dark complexion, dark hair, and thin build. The stabbing is still under investigation, along with the sniper shooting that severely injured Romalis six years ago.

## FBI 10 MOST WANTED

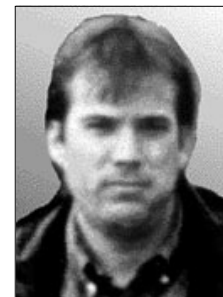


### James Charles Kopp

**Date of Birth:** August 2, 1954  
**Place of Birth:** Pasadena, CA  
**Sex:** Male  
**Hair:** Brown/Red  
**Height:** 5' 10"  
**Eyes:** Blue/Gray  
**Weight:** 150 -175 lbs.  
**Race:** White

### Rewards Totalling One Million Dollars

James Kopp is wanted in connection with the shooting death of Dr. Barnett A. Slepian on the evening of October 23, 1998.



### Eric Robert Rudolph

**Date of Birth:** September 19, 1966  
**Place of Birth:** Merritt Island, FL  
**Sex:** Male  
**Hair:** Brown  
**Height:** 5' 11"  
**Eyes:** Blue  
**Weight:** 165 - 180 lbs.  
**Race:** White

### One Million Dollar Reward Offered

Eric Rudolph is wanted in connection with the fatal bombing of a Birmingham abortion clinic, the Olympic Park and other Atlanta-area bombings.

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# White Rose Banquet

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Trewhella, leader of the Wisconsin-based extremist group Missionaries to the Preborn. Trewhella, who has been arrested numerous times stemming from his anti-abortion activities, is also an avowed supporter of right-wing militias.

Other attendees represented a spectrum of violence and extremism, including Joshua Graff, a past banquet honoree and convicted clinic arsonist who recently relocated from Louisiana to suburban Maryland; Donald Spitz, leader of Pro-Life Virginia and defendant in the *PP v. ACLA* case, who believes that violence "including the murder of abortion clinic doctors - is not only justifiable, but cannot be condemned;" Timothy Dreste, co-defendant in *PP v. ACLA*; and David Crane, another co-defendant in *PP v. ACLA*. In *PP v. ACLA*, twelve co-defendants were ordered to pay \$107.5 million and found liable for producing "true threats" against providers in the forms of "WANTED" posters and a "Deadly Dozen" list with doctors' names.

Another conference speaker was Chuck Spingola, from Ohio, who spoke about killing gay rights leaders so "the rest of them (homosexuals) will go back in the closet." Spingola, along with Matt Trewhella, Timothy Dreste, and Neal Horsley, exemplify multi-issue extremists - men who are not only anti-abortion, but who are also fervently anti-gay and anti-federal law enforcement.

The evening banquet featured an auction of convicted felons' personal items, such as a handwritten Ten Commandments penned by convicted murderer Paul Hill, and tools used by convicted clinic bomber Dennis Malvasi, who was in attendance. Hill was sentenced to death for the 1994 double murder of Dr. John Bayard Britton and clinic volunteer Lt. Col. James Barrett outside the Ladies Center clinic in Pensacola, Florida. Malvasi served a five-year sentence following a felony conviction for a series of 1985-1986 New York abortion clinic bombings; he was released from probation in 1999.

During the banquet program, Michael Bray shared with the audience news accounts of violent incidents at abortion clinics. According to the *Independent Weekly*, Bray "applaud[ed] the attempts on the lives of abortion doctors." Bray has long embodied such extremism, most notably in his 1994 book *A Time to Kill*, in which he attempts to justify the use of violence through theological arguments.

Known as "the father of violence," Bray

has also been linked to the clandestine, violent anti-abortion group called the Army of God. (The Army of God received widespread public attention following the 1996 bombings of an abortion clinic and a gay and lesbian nightclub, in Atlanta, when a local newspaper received an Army of God letter claiming credit for those bombings. Eric Robert Rudolph [see separate story] has been charged with those crimes and the fatal Birmingham, AL clinic bombing in 1998, and remains a fugitive on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list.) At this year's White Rose Banquet, Bray was "ordained" as a "lifetime chaplain in the Army of God."

The banquet culminated with an award presentation to Michael Bray. John

Brockhoeft, convicted clinic bomber from Ohio, stood behind the podium while Donald Spitz presented the award: a red and yellow gasoline can allegedly used in previous clinic arson attacks, "donated" to the banquet by the yet-apprehended arsonist. *The Independent Weekly* reports that Spitz then read this text to accompany Bray's award: "Instructions for use. One: In the dead of night, quietly break basement window. Two: Empty contents through hole. Three: Light match and apply to fluid. Four: Run like the wind."

[Source: *Independent Weekly*, January 24, 2001]

## Shots Fired Into Kansas City Abortion Clinic

On December 31, 2000, an unknown person fired at least 25 bullets into a suburban Kansas City, KS abortion clinic. An FBI spokesperson reported that the shots appeared to have been fired after 2 a.m. from outside the clinic, Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood, located in the suburb of Overland Park. A clinic staff member discovered evidence of the shots early on January 2 when the clinic was to reopen after the holiday weekend. Despite initial damage estimates around \$25,000, the shattered glass and physical damage to the facility did not affect patient-care areas, and the clinic was able to reopen later that day.

Clinics and physicians throughout the Kansas and Missouri region have been frequently targeted by anti-abortion extremists, including a firebombing in Independence, MO; shots fired into an abortion provider's home in Overland

Park; an attempted arson in Kansas City; a 1991 shooting in Springfield, MO that left the clinic office manager paralyzed and a second person wounded; and, the 1993 attempted murder of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita, KS.

Local and federal law enforcement officials are investigating the crime as a violation of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. Violations of FACE, which was signed into law in 1994, are prosecuted by the U.S. Justice Department.

Persons with information about the Overland Park shooting can call (816) 474-TIPS; callers may remain anonymous and a reward of up to \$1,000 has been offered.

[Source: *Kansas City Star*, January 2, 2001, *Planned Parenthood Federation of America*]

## Attempted Arson at Michigan Abortion Clinic

*Latest Incident Marks Third Violent Attack on Facility*

An arsonist struck a Kalamazoo, Michigan abortion clinic in the early morning hours of Sunday, January 28. The assailant smashed the front door of the Planned Parenthood of South Central Michigan clinic and spread fuel oil throughout the lobby. The alarm sounded and police and fire officials responded within two minutes; the perpetrator had fled and was not apprehended. The facility was closed at the time and there were no injuries; patients were seen beginning the following morning.

This was the third violent attack on this facility, which is the only abortion provider in the area. In December 1986,

this clinic was destroyed by an early-morning arson and that perpetrator was never apprehended. Clinic staff were forced to relocate for over one year while the extensive physical damage was repaired. Three years later, in September 1989, a firebomb exploded near an exterior wall. That incident also remains unsolved.

A joint local and federal law enforcement task force is investigating this most recent incident. The FBI has also opened a federal investigation under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. [Source: *Kalamazoo Gazette*, *Planned Parenthood Federation of America*]

## Murders / Attempted Murders

### Vancouver, BC • July 11, 2000

Canadian Doctor Garson Romalis was stabbed in the back while entering his clinic. This is the second attempt on his life, in 1994 Dr. Romalis nearly bled to death after being shot by a high-powered rifle in his home. Suspect has not been apprehended.

### Amherst, NY • October 23, 1998

Dr. Barnett Slepian was killed by a sniper's bullet through his kitchen window. 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

### Kalamazoo, MI • January 28, 2001

The front door of the Planned Parenthood of South Central Michigan was smashed and fuel was spread throughout the lobby. The alarm sounded and the perpetrator(s) fled. The facility was closed and the damage was minimal. This is the third violent attack on this clinic, in 1986 the clinic was destroyed by fire and in 1989 a firebomb destroyed an exterior wall.

### Concord, NH • May 28, 2000

The Concord Feminist Health Center was the target of arson. The clinic was closed but building damage was extensive.

### Oakland Park, FL • April 14, 2000

A container filled with an accelerant was thrown through the front door of Ft. Lauderdale Women's Clinic. The clinic was closed and the fire was contained to the building exterior.

### Greenland, NH • August 2, 1999

Feminist Women's Health Center of Portsmouth was the target of arson. An accelerant was used 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. Benjamin and Tyler Williams indicted.

### 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. Repairs had just been completed from the 3/15 explosion. Ricki 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 2 separate occasions. Peter Quinn, 17, charged with 3/28 attack.

### Waukesha, WI • April 1, 1999

A log soaked with lighter fluid and set on the windowsill of the Planned Parenthood of WI was ignited. 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. Martin Uphoff convicted.

### 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. Randall Hanson Convicted.

### 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

### Yakima, WA • May 7, 1997

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

### Bozeman, MT • April 2, 1997

Office of Dr. Susan Wicklund was set on fire. 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

A Falls Church abortion clinic was set on fire causing an estimated \$25,000 in damages. James Mitchell sentenced to 10 years.

## Bombings / Attempted Bombings

### Southern FL • June 17, 2000

An explosive device was recovered outside the rear door of a Southern Florida clinic. The device, which did not detonate, consisted of a milk jug filled with gasoline and a fuse.

### Cincinnati, OH • January 3, 2000

Two bombs were recovered at Cincinnati Women's Services and Planned Parenthood of Ohio and Northern Kentucky. Officials defused both packages which contained an M-80, 9-volt battery and wiring packaged in a jewelry box with Cincinnati postmarks.

### Rapid City, SD • October 8, 1999

A Planned Parenthood clinic was damaged by an explosive device in the early morning hours. The partially exploded device contained an unknown accelerant.

### Albuquerque, NM • March 15, 1999

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

### Asheville, NC • March 11, 1999

A bomb partially exploded outside the Femcare Clinic. 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 targets 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 was designed to kill rescue, law enforcement, 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. Eric Rudolph charged.

### Tulsa, Oklahoma • January 1 & 19, 1997

Two separate bomb incidents at the Reproductive Services and Adoption Affiliates clinic. A teenager was convicted in the bombing and his parents were charged.

## Threats of Mass Destruction

### Nationwide • January 2000

Multiple clinics in at least twenty-one states (AL, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, ME, MI, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT and WI) received anthrax hoax letters. The letters were addressed to each clinic's "Security Director" and were postmarked in Cincinnati, Ohio. All of the white envelopes bore the return address of **ADT Security Consulting**, 2951 E. 38th St. in Indianapolis, IN.

### Midwest • June 2-3, 1999

Clinics in Cincinnati, Dayton and Columbus, OH received anthrax hoax letters 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." Clinics in Indianapolis, Scottsburg, Shelbyville, New Albany, IN; Louisville, KY; Knoxville, TN; Wichita, KS; Cleveland, OH all received a 3" x5" envelope postmarked 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

### Rockford, IL • November 17, 2000

John Earl, the Catholic priest accused of driving his car into a clinic and then vandalizing it with an ax in September, pleaded innocent to charges of burglary and felony criminal damage to property. The attack came two days after FDA approval of mifepristone. A pre-trial is set for 2/14, the trial for 2/20/2001.